

Hello,

My name is Shaina Colombo.

I have two kids enrolled in the school district, one who finished his 9th grade year at IDEA and one which will be entering Geiger for his 4th grade year due to my need to be able to focus on building my business. I attempted to homeschool him last year after his traditional zoned school (in the district) failed him due to their principal's failure to stop a bully culture.

I'm worried the cuts to Geiger's Montessori program will put him in a similar situation of feeling failed by a school, not due to bullying, but due to a lack of resources to have a successful and true to name in action Montessori school. I've visited the school & seen the way the classes are run. Their co-teachers & paras are paramount to the success of their classrooms.

Nearly 9 years ago I moved here from Nevada, who has a known bottom of the barrel school district, for a better future for my children. If cuts like this are allowed & continue, Tacoma won't be any better.

Our students and educators deserve better.

Please do better.

With Gratitude,

Shaina Colombo