

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of preserving seclusion as an emergency tool in schools for the time being. In addition, funding and dedicated support for evidence-based alternatives should be in place. I have worked in the field of Special Education for 20 years. The majority of that time has been within Intermediate School Districts. In order to keep students and staff safe, we need a variety of tools and strategies. While no one likes to use seclusion, until suitable alternative tools have been identified and fully funded, we are putting students and staff at risk by removing the use of seclusion in emergency situations. Removing seclusion without suitable alternative tools will result in increased injuries to students and staff and increased law enforcement involvement.

Thank you,

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