

"The concern of most parents and professionals, advocating for appropriate educational services and educational benefit for children with autism, is that many special educators and administrators feel that 'exposure' to an education or 'containment' during the educational day satisfies the standard for an appropriate education. The simple presence in any educational setting, be it regular education or special education, without educational benefit for the child is a waste of the child's time and potential in life.

What must occur for our children with autism is an education that confers benefit; an education that challenges them to acquire adaptive skills that will serve them well during the adult years. Anything less is a waste of their time and their lives."

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