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"I would also like to address the issuing of an "F" grade to a student with learning disabilities.

I think it is completely unfair that an engaged student who shows effort and interest in his classes should be given an "F". Especially if it is based solely on testing and homework. It sends a message that the student's presence and involvement means little or nothing to the outcome of his grade. And when a student is only diagnosed with their disability in their 11th grade and receives intervention and support at the end of high school rather than in elementary or middle school should this student not be commended for all he had done on his own?

"F"s are for those who do not show up in their school community.

My child has been a very engaged student with a disability. He should be commended for navigating his way on his own. And the teachers who went out of their way to see beyond the lack of homework and poor test grades are to be commended!

If we are truly about change and making things better for the next generation of learners then we have to be open and honest about all our shortcomings and willing to listen and learn from them.

Thank You"