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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
I HAVE A 9 YEAR OLD SON WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED IN THE AUTISTIC
SPECTRUM. ATTENDS A SATELITE CLASS AT
.THE RAINBOW ROOM IS RUN BY "ASPECT"
(AUTISTIC SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA). FEES ARE \$952 A TERM PLUS AN
ACTIVITY FEE OF \$50 A TERM.TOTALING \$1002 A TERM.
WE ARE A ONE INCOME FAMILY WITH A MORTGAGE AND EVERYDAY LIVING COSTS
WHO STRUGGLE TO PAY THE FEES.BUT UNFORTUNATLY WE HAVE NO
CHOICE.WHEN WAS ENROLLED AT PUBLIC SCHOOL IN A
NORMAL CLASS.HE RECIEVED NO SUPPORT AT ALL.THE WHOLE EXPERIANCE WAS
A NIGHTMARE. WAS JUST UNABLE TO COPE AND IT ADDED TREMENDOUS
STRESS AND PROBLEMS.
SINCE GETTING A PLACE IN THE RAINBOW ROOM HAS GREATLY IMPROVED
AND IT FEELS LIKE A GREAT WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED.ALL THE STAFF ARE
FANTASTIC.BUT NOW WE FACE THE PROBLEM OF FINDING THAT \$1002 EACH TERM
TO KEEP PLACE. WHY SHOULD CHILDREN WITH DISSABILITIES HAVE TO PAY
FOR THEIR EDUCATION AND SUPPORT.WHEN A SO CALLED " NORMAL CHILD"
RECIEVES IT FOR FREE.

YOURS SINCERLY