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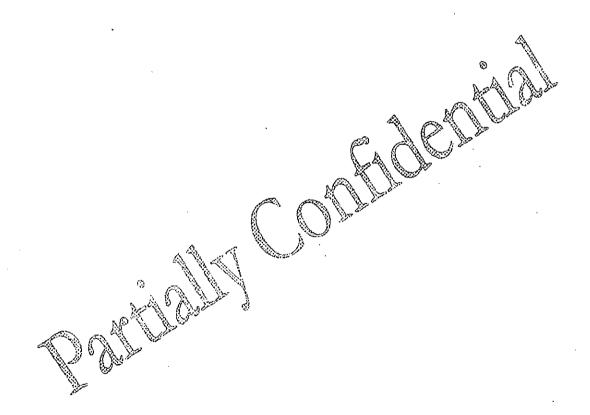
INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. I HAVE A 9 YEAR OLD SON WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED IN THE AUTISTIC ATTENDS A SATELITE CLASS AT SPECTRUM.

.tHE RAINBOW ROOM IS RUN BY "ASPECT" FEES ARE \$952 A TERM PLUS AN (AUTISTIC SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA). ACTIVITY FEE OF \$50 A TERM. TOTALING \$1002 A TERM.

WE ARE A ONE INCOME FAMILY WITH A MORTAGE AND EVERYDAY LIVING COSTS WHO STRUGGLE TO PAY THE FEES.BUT UNFORTUNATLY WE HAVE NO PUBLIC SCHOOL IN A WAS ENROLLED AT CHOICE.WHEN NORMAL CLASS.HE RECIEVED NO SUPPORT AT ALL.THE WHOLE EXPERIANCE WAS

WAS JUST UNABLE TO COPE AND IT ADDED TREMENDOUS A NIGHTMARE.

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 PLACE. WHY SHOULD CHILDREN WITH DISSABILITIES HAVE TO PAY TO KEEP FOR THEIR EDUCATION AND SUPPORT. WHEN A SO CALLED "NORMAL CHILD" RECIEVES IT FOR FREE.

YOURS SINCERLY