

At this point the low income public schools are trying to function even though they do not have enough teachers, resources, or support staff. I've worked in two low income districts in the past few years and the staff are trying to do the work of two people, the students do not have enough support, and the buildings are falling apart. It was actually raining inside one of the buildings one day. SRBI is a crucial component, but cannot be provided by the same teachers who are trying to teach the classes. There used to be reading specialists and behavioral support staff but they are no longer there, so the kids are failing educationally, behaviorally, and the effect is emotionally defeating. I have fourteen years of experience as a school psychologist and the disparity of the past supports and present is disgraceful. I have no idea what people in a position of power are telling themselves about the education being provided, but I am watching it play out in people's lives and they should be ashamed of themselves.

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