Let's Talk! About What's Best for Students in Special Ed

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San Francisco is involved in a new battle that would mean transferring all of its 6,000 students in special education classrooms into mainstream programs in the public schools.

The Unified School District spends about $122 million a year on special education services. It is facing a $25 million budget deficit this coming year.

School officials claim that integrating special-education students into mainstream classrooms would leave the students less isolated and would provide more support.

Parents argue that the decision is based on budget concerns, rather than on what is best for the students.

This month's Let's Talk topic asks parents and professionals...

What would you do if your child was being moved into a mainstream classroom situation from a more intense, specialized educational environment?

Do you think that teachers are prepared to receive children in special education into their already full classrooms and meet their educational needs?

Ready, set....Let's Talk!

Let us know of other topics that you would like to talk about.

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