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Dear Northstar Advocates,

I am thrilled to share the results of the 2023 legislative priorities survey with you. The top ten legislative priorities chosen by 94 survey participants include:

1. Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to health care providers so that more health care providers will take Medicaid recipients
2. Caseload forecast all DDA waivers
3. Give individuals and families the option to have an “open waiver” with flexibility to use money toward services that fits best for them and for their loved ones
4. Shift the burden of proof in all special education hearings from families and students (who do not have resources), onto the schools and school districts (who do have attorneys on staff and on retainer)
5. Adopt an assessment tool that appropriately captures the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities
6. Include intellectual and developmental disabilities in all definitions of diversity/equity/inclusion
7. Get 120 million from the capital budget allocated to scattered site housing throughout the state
8. Prohibit students from being isolated at school or while under school supervision
9. Prohibit students from being physically restrained at school or under school supervision
10. Family home offered as a residential option for the 37,000 people with unmet housing needs

As we discussed at last month's meeting, a few of these issues may either A: already be percolating in other coalitions that it would be best for us to join and lend steam to; and/or B: it's already being addressed in a workgroup that the co-captains can join; and/or C: require such a heavy federal response that we're stuck at the state level until the feds respond. **I expect movement on this list in the next month or so as we iron these issues out.**