

HOPE GIVING RESPONSES

FOR PARENTS

“The school doesn’t care about my child.”

“Advocating for our kids can be tough. Let’s figure out the best way to make sure your child gets the support they need.”

“I feel like I’m failing my child.”

“The fact that you care this much means you’re already doing something right. Let’s focus on the strengths you bring to your child’s life.”

“I can’t handle another phone call about my child’s behavior.”

“Let’s figure out a plan so these calls feel more productive and supportive for both you and your child.”

“We’ve tried everything, and nothing works.”

“I know how hard you’ve been working. Sometimes, it takes time to find what works best. Let’s look at what’s helped, even in small ways, and build from there.”

FOR TEACHERS

“This student will never catch up”

“Progress looks different for every student. Let’s focus on the small wins—they add up over time.”

“I’ve tried everything. Nothing works.”

“It sounds like you’ve put in a lot of effort. Maybe we just haven’t found the right approach yet. Let’s brainstorm together.”

“These parents don’t care about their child’s education.”

“Every parent wants their child to succeed, even if they don’t always know how to help. Let’s think about how we can engage them in a way that works for them.”

“I don’t have time to focus on hope. I have too much to do already.”

“Hope isn’t one more thing on your plate—it’s the way we approach what’s already there. Even small, encouraging moments can make a difference.”