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If I had a vacuum cleaner, personal laminator, laminating pouches, clipboards and binders from Friends Office, I could do more hands-on learning activities for my students with intensive special needs. This would benefit the learning of my students by allowing them more engaging ways to learn that focus on life and vocational skills.

I teach ninth through twelve grade high school students with moderate-intensive special needs. In order to achieve their greatest potential, my students need more than a typical student. They require frequent sensory breaks and strategies built into their day, as well as diverse teaching strategies. Last but not least, they need a teacher who is willing to give them that and more. I am constantly trying to come up with different innovative ways to teach my students in the best way possible. This is where these supplies would help change my students' lives to benefit their learning both on an academic standpoint, as well as a vocational standpoint.

I am a big advocate for teaching life and vocational skills and incorporating these skills into all aspects of their instruction. This allows my students to practice these skills so that they can do them as independently as possible once they graduate. The vacuum cleaner would allow my students the opportunity to clean our classroom, focusing on task responsibility, following directions, cleaning up after oneself, etc. These are important skills that my students can then take and generalize both at home and in their future living situations.

Along with advocating for life skills, I also implement a lot of visuals into my classroom. My students benefit from visual schedules, first/then boards, token boards, and much more in

order to be successful within the classroom. With that being said, all of these items need to be laminated. Having our own class laminator would allow for these materials to be finished sooner, which would then allow them to be used by my students a lot faster. This would save valuable time and potentially eliminate behaviors with this in-class laminator. I could also set up a workstation in which my students could help laminate classroom materials to work on following directions, staying on task, completing a work task, working together, etc.

Finally, our classroom could use more organization. I have five students that are all learning something completely different that is broken down to each individual student's needs, abilities, and interests. With that being said, our classroom needs to be organized. I use clipboards to keep track of student data, as well as binders to keep data, student work samples, and daily work. Getting these binders and clipboards would allow our room to be more organized and give the students a better understanding of where to find certain materials.

In conclusion, I want to give my students the best school experience possible. With that comes ensuring that they/we have the materials necessary in order to do so. Thank you for your consideration.