MY QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE

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ABOUT ME

• I am **Sujit Kurup**
• A senior in East Syracuse Minoa Central High school
• I advocate equality and justice for people of all abilities.
I LOVE

- Skating
- Baseball
- Bowling
- Horse-riding
WHAT I ALWAYS DREAMED........

• I am a dreamer.....as dreams are real for me than reality
• And reality is: *I do not speak*......not spontaneous speech
• Have not let my dreams remain so.....I work constantly to make it real.
• My daring dream is pursuit of knowledge which brought me to this country
• My biggest, ceaseless, cool dream is *to speak*.
I FOUND MY VOICE

• I came to USA in March 2008 looking for this dream to happen with my so much dedicated parents and found a great way to communicate through supported typing.

• I found my voice soon after. It has given me an identity and new life. I was reborn. Now it was easy to communicate my feelings and finding some solace in the typing of cool syllables.
MY DREAM DEVICE.....

• During my journey to the world of communication there were many devices that I used in my typing. Alphasmart, lightwriter, dynavox etc.

• Then came along the iPad that changed my world.....it got me to more independent typing and write my regents.

• I love the apps on it....I keep finding new ones every day!

• It is an awesome device. I carry it with me every where and cannot be without it... It is my voice.
MY DREAM SCHOOL....

• My quest for knowledge brought me to my dream school.....ESM
• The school that help make my dreams come true....recognizing my intelligence
• It gives me confidence at being seen as any teenager and not a person with a label
• Accessing all that I want to learn like any other student; personal attention to all aspects of my growth is what they strive for.
MY DREAM SCHOOL.......  

• Teachers in the school go out of the way to help me learn in my unique style and pace  
• I have experienced support personnel at school who know my special needs suitably addressing them.  
• In all this I see a lot of belief in students of all abilities as worthy of tutoring. I see them as great educators.  
• I would want the other school districts to do the same and follow the right path of equality.
• My college dream......a journey in the making
• Another challenge...not mighty scared because challenges bring the best in me
• Trying to lay out a more concrete roadmap for my future career in accounting
• Right now I have only one choice : OCC
• Not sure if College Board approves the accommodations I need.
FINAL THOUGHTS..........

• Great many roadblocks come your way, but keep marching on, finding a way around it.
• Keep your chin up with smile on your face in all adverse circumstances.
• Make the best of the opportunities that come your way.
• Be steadfast in your goal in life..... never wavering
• My goal in life is *lasting Knowledge..........* What is yours? 😊
Thank you!