

 **Thank you to our educators**

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Steve,

As we close out Teacher Appreciation Week, we want to thank our dedicated educators across the state who are empowering the next generation of North Carolinians. Please, reply to this email with a story of a teacher who has made an impact on your life.



Educators and students deserve representatives at all levels of government who will advocate for them and invest in a quality education for all. With the right elected officials, North Carolina could finally be a state that prioritizes education again by doing things like fully funding the Leandro school action plan (*see how funding Leandro will impact your school district [here](#)*), raising teacher pay, and investing in our crumbling infrastructure. That's why it's so important

that we make sure rural residents know that they can help their local schools by getting out and voting for candidates who will prioritize our teachers and students.

Our educators do so much, but for far too long, our system has failed them. North Carolina's teachers are underpaid, and our public schools are underfunded. Rural school districts have greater difficulty recruiting teachers and offering them competitive pay. As a result, these districts often lose more than 20% of their teachers in a single year.

Don't forget to thank a teacher in your life. These past two years have been incredibly difficult for our teachers, and they need our support now more than ever.

Warm Regards,
Cynthia



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