

Sample Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

For far too long now, I've watched with sadness as too many colleagues exit the classrooms where we teach for better pay in other states or other professions. I've had to answer the heartbreaking questions from students, why their favorite teachers didn't come back from summer break. And I've even contemplated leaving the profession I love because of lack of support and respect from lawmakers whose job it is to provide the funds necessary for me to do my job to the best of my ability. With a decade of brutal funding cuts to schools and teachers going longer than that without a pay raise, hope for something better has been in short supply. But when I heard about the Step Up Coalition had a plan to raise teacher pay and fix Oklahoma's broken budget, my hope is being renewed. I hope Oklahoma lawmakers will lay aside their differences and think about the needs of our communities, our schools, our teachers and most important, our students. It's beyond time they step up and do what's right.

Signed
Name

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