

# Teachers shouldn't teach for free

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*The Chester Upland School District in Pennsylvania is \$22 million in the hole and can't currently guarantee teachers that they'll be compensated for their work. Yet teachers are going back to school on Wednesday without paychecks, after their union voted unanimously to work without pay as the year begins. It's happened before in the same district: In 2012 it faced a similar financial shortfall, and teachers agreed to work without pay. Other educators have made the same move under similar circumstances: In 2013, for example, a small district in Michigan ran out of money to pay teachers before the end of the year, yet the teachers decided to keep going.*

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*Care work is still seen not as work; it's seen as something women just [do](#). Something they would [do](#) even if they weren't paid. This is the dynamic that the teachers of Chester Upland are playing into by deciding to work for free. The message they send about their work—and the work of all teachers—is that it is motivated by love, not money. That weakens the call to pay teachers more money, or any money at all.*

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*Now that states and towns are spending more on education, they're having a hard time enticing people back to the field. Pay is a huge piece of this puzzle. Why would a smart, talented young graduate seek out a devalued, underpaid profession when she could take her skills elsewhere?*

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Tja, in Amerika sind die Lehrkräfte offensichtlich auch nicht lernfähig. "Leuchtende Kinderaugen" scheint auch dort einigen als Lohn zu genügen.

Gruß !