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I have been a public school teacher for 16 years, and I support raising the minimum wage for school teachers.

There are many reasons to support how and why teachers work hard, put in longer hours than required, or support students in a variety of ways, serving as educators, counselors, or advisors.

Aside from all that, teacher pay is also about recruitment. The general feeling that teachers are under, or poorly, paid is ubiquitous, so this impacts the candidates that put themselves forward for the position. Having a higher starting salary means that we will attract a broader group of applicants, which is essential in any arena to ensure you are able to hire only top-quality applicants.