

3/30/15

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Teresa Hanks. I have worked in school districts for the past 18 years. I began by driving school bus on a very short route, 2.75 hours per day. Then I moved to Educational Assistant working 6.5 hours per day. I now work as a full time Secretary at a High School for 8 hours per day. I have worked very hard. I have gone to college in the evenings earning my Associates Degree.

Due to unforeseen circumstances I am now a single mother with 2 children at home. My income is not adequate to support my children and myself. My rent was increased this past month by \$50.00, making it \$1025.00 per month. This does not include electricity, water, or garbage. My monthly take home pay is \$1900.00. I still must pay car insurance and wireless internet, for my daughters to do their homework. We have NO television or home phone. Basic things are a struggle for us. One of my daughters has health problems and medical deductibles and co-pays put a huge strain on us.

I often give my sack lunch to students, help pay to get into sporting events, stay late, and arrive early. I would like you to know that many people in our schools work very hard to ensure success for our students every day. Please support us, help YOUR public school employees move out of poverty.

Thank you for your consideration,

Teresa Hanks