I am Taghrid Elmeligui, a Computer Science Teacher at McMinnville High School. My school's population is 2200 students. I teach around 250 students each academic year which is roughly only 11% of the student body. I would love to have other teachers helping me teach computer science with its emphasis on problem solving & critical thinking. Funding is needed to train these teachers not only at the high school level, but also at elementary & middle school levels.

I love teaching computer science because of the effect it has on my students. My students are engaged, curious, apply their learning to real-life problems and continue to graduate successfully from high school and attend college. All students deserve the chance to learn about computer science and benefit from its skills. Providing this chance is our responsibility.