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Hi, I have been a teacher for 28 years and it is ridiculous to not pay student teachers! I had to quit my full time job so that I could student teach. I was very lucky to be able to live with my parents while they supported me through my student teaching experience. Not all people have that luxury. It's time for us to support education in as many ways as possible!

Student teachers should be compensated for their work because teaching is a demanding and valuable profession that requires significant time, effort, and expertise. By paying student teachers, we acknowledge the critical role they play in the education system and provide them with financial support during a challenging period. Compensation also ensures that teaching remains accessible to all, regardless of financial background, and encourages a diverse range of candidates to pursue careers in education. Moreover, paying student teachers helps to create a more equitable, sustainable, and professional teaching workforce.