Educators across the nation go above and beyond to ensure their students have the best learning environments possible—spending extra time, energy, and money on their classrooms and students, while receiving little recognition for the additional effort.

### Committed Educators

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Parents of K–12 students who say they receive newsletters, memos, emails, or letters from their children’s teachers and schools.

- **87%**
  - SOURCE: NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

- **$945**
  - Average amount of money teachers spent on out-of-pocket expenses during the school year.
  - SOURCE: 2013 NSSEA RETAIL MARKET AWARENESS STUDY

- **10 Hours, 40 minutes**
  - Average length of a teacher’s school day—more than 53 hours, each week.
  - SOURCE: SCHOLASTIC STUDY

- **67%**
  - Percentage of teachers who say they’ve purchased food for their students to meet nutritional needs.
  - SOURCE: ADOPTACLASSROOM.ORG

- **$37**
  - Average amount teachers spend a month on food for students who come to school hungry.
  - SOURCE: SHARE OUR STRENGTH

- **99.5%**
  - Percentage of teachers who reported buying essential classroom materials out of pocket.
  - SOURCE: 2013 NSSEA RETAIL MARKET AWARENESS STUDY

- **$1.6 billion**
  - Estimated total out-of-pocket teacher spending last year.
  - SOURCE: 2013 NSSEA RETAIL MARKET AWARENESS STUDY

- **30%**
  - Percentage of teachers who say they’ve bought warm clothing for their students.
  - SOURCE: ADOPTACLASSROOM.ORG