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Teaching is the most rewarding profession in the world, and there are many things about this profession that make the field so wonderful. The unique and creative students, the exciting lessons, the interaction with countless people, and the act of constant learning for both your students and yourself are just some of the perks that come with being a teacher. However, the demand from legislators, community members, and society in general is becoming more and more heavy on members of the education world. Teachers are expected to do more, obtain more, and achieve more, all while losing more and more financial support every year. Education is one of the only professions where employees are required to hold a bachelor's degree, oftentimes more, and not be adequately compensated. This profession is not for the faint of heart, but the people who do have the great luck of ending up in this field seem to love what they do.

I want to be a teacher not for monetary purposes, or to garner attention, but to impact the lives of my future students. I want to be the teacher that students can rely on, for needs both in the classroom and outside the classroom. I think it is important for teachers to be there for their students in all the ways that they can. Going to sporting events, concerts, plays, banquets, and more can make such a significant impact in a child's life. I want to be a teacher because I want my students to know that I care for their well being, and I want to push them to be their best selves. When students are able to recognize that their teacher cares and wants them to succeed, they will have more faith in themselves as well. I want to be a teacher because after they leave

my class, I want to see my students do great things down the road. It is important to me to not only be a teacher, but to be a mentor, advisor, and a shoulder to lean on, too.

Teaching is a profession that is not meant for everyone. The long hours, heavy workload, and low pay do not sound very appealing on the surface. However, the impact that teachers can make on the lives of their students can not be put into words. Teachers do the work that students need in order to develop and grow, which oftentimes they do not receive outside of school.

Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions, and that should not be underestimated. Because of good teachers, the next generation of engineers, lawyers, politicians, scientists, artists, and more are able to achieve more and become more successful. Good teachers help pave the way for students who may not see a future for themselves. It is important for me to be a good teacher because my future students are counting on me, and I don't want to let them down.