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First, thank you for serving as county commissioners and school board members. I do not envy you in today's divisive cultural climate.

I'm expressing my concern for the issues facing public school teachers. This email will focus on gross underpayment.

Every day I drive out of my wealthy neighborhood full of wealthy people whose stock portfolios and property values are increasing hand over fist - mine included. I read and hear that our county (and the state of Tennessee) doesn't have the money to pay teachers an appropriate wage. This is ABSURD. It's shameful what our county pays teachers, and we are absolutely seeing the fallout.

In 2017-2018 (pre-covid!) my daughter had no English teacher for more than half the year. That was my first time with a child in public school in Williamson County, and I was appalled by the apathy. Apparently parents were used to their kids not having teachers for a few weeks, and being shuffled and 'blended' into other classes until hiring could be sorted out. Currently my 8th grade daughter has no science teacher. She won't have a math teacher after winter break. I see how over-worked the teachers and administrators are at my daughter's school, and they are leaving in droves. I don't blame them one bit.

My parents are retired public school educators, my sister is a 30-year classroom special ed teacher, and my late sister worked in public schools for many years as a teacher's aid and music teacher. I attended public school my whole life.

This is your chance to fix a systemic problem that has been going on for decades. It is finally reaching a boiling point, and I implore you to ignore the pot-stirring, attention-seeking noise and fix the fundamental problem... PAY TEACHERS WHAT THEY ARE WORTH.

Thank you,
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