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Dear Teachers & Friends,

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! I join the many across the Granite State in marveling at your commitment to shaping an exciting future for your students and our country. Thank you for all that you do!

Each of us has warm memories of a favorite teacher we had when we were in school, of a nurturing figure who went beyond simply imparting facts and ideas. These role models guided us and lifted us when lessons were tough. They instilled character values like responsibility, creativity and resilience. They saw our potential and challenged us to fulfill it. I'm sure this experience is what inspired most – if not *all* – of you to become teachers yourselves. As a former teacher, I know firsthand the satisfaction that comes when you see a student succeed and thrive inside and outside of the classroom.

While the profession is incredibly rewarding, teaching can also be extremely challenging. We all know the long hours and hard work you put into the job – grading, designing lesson plans, spending extra time with a student who needs help and keeping up with effective teaching strategies. COVID-19 presents an altogether new challenge, forcing teachers to be even more creative in connecting and engaging with students. In these difficult moments, please know that you have the appreciation of a grateful community for all that you do. Educators like you are the key to helping young people build lives of purpose and of personal fulfillment. Thank you for the skill, dedication and passion that you bring to your job each and every day.

I wish you all the best as you continue your important and meaningful work.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator