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time grading papers and working on preparation and doing a whole lot of things on weekend times when other people are out at their leisure, and during the evening. I got a somewhat concerning e-mail from one teacher. And rather than me paraphrase it, I think I'll just read it, since it's short, because I think her words are very direct and to the point in her embarrassment over a living situation. She states. I am a single mother of three, and have been a teacher in Nebraska public schools for eight years. I'm embarrassed to say that my children receive reduced lunch at their school. With my salary and medical expenses, I have a very hard time making ends meet. I'm seriously considering a career in the private sector. I love teaching. I love my students. But I may have no other choice than to leave teaching. We have frequently talked about people going from this state to other states to teach. But I think we have even more of a threat in teachers leaving the profession to go into other professions, and staying right here. Particularly when there are so many jobs available that don't have qualified people to fill, the opportunities are virtually unlimited for teachers. This teacher is embarrassed that her children have the reduced subsidies for their lunches. It gets back to the issue that Senator Beutler has raised on a number of occasions of a living wage for other employees. We have state employees in a similar situation. These people shouldn't be put in that kind of a compromising position, I don't believe. Another teacher wrote, I am an educator within the public schools. I've been in this field for over 20 years. I'm just a few hours short of having a doctorate in education. I currently make less than \$30,000. I would wonder what a doctorate might make in other professions. I know it's far greater than \$30,000. That's just my editorial comment. She states that that \$30,000 includes teaching adjunctly at a community college each semester. She states, many educators are being forced to look outside of education for employment. I will soon be joining their ranks. I can no longer afford to pay tuition and teach. I'm outstanding at what I do. However, I can join the ranks of a business and do human relations development and start at \$50,000 a year. I will miss the children and the families I work with. As a parent, however, I must be able to provide for my own family. Here are two parents, two teachers,...