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Subject: Comments to the Governor

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
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Message: I received the following email from a friend. Please review and share
it. It is a powerful message.

thanks,
Sheri Mosley

21st Century Teachers

"Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room
with all those kids and fill their every waking moment with a love for
learning. Not only that, I'm to instill a sense of pride in their
ethnicity, behaviorally modify disruptive behavior, observe them for
signs of abuse
and T-shirt messages. "I am to fight the war on drugs and sexually
transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for guns and raise their
self-esteem. I'm to teach them patriotism, good citizenship,
sportsman-ship and fair play, how and where to register to vote, how to
balance a checkbook and how to apply for a job.

"I am to check their heads occasionally for lice, maintain a safe
environment, recognize signs of potential antisocial behavior, offer
advice, write letters of recommendation for student employment and
scholarships, encourage respect for the cultural diversity of others,
and, oh yeah, always make sure that I give the girls in my class 50
percent of my attention.

"I'm required by my contract to be working on my own time summer and
evenings at my own expense toward advance certification and a master's
degree; and after school, I am to attend committee and faculty meetings
and participate in staff development
training to maintain my employment status.

"I am to be a paragon of virtue larger than life, such that my very
presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of
authority.

"I am to pledge allegiance to supporting family values, a return to the
basics, and to my current administration. I am to incorporate technology

into the learning, and monitor all Web sites while providing a personal relationship with each student.

"I am to decide who might be potentially dangerous and/or liable to commit crimes in school or who is possibly being abused, and I can be sent to jail for not mentioning these suspicions.

"I am to make sure all students pass the state and federally mandated testing and all classes, whether or not they attend school on a regular basis or complete any of the work assigned. Plus, I am expected to make sure that all of the students with handicaps are guaranteed a free and equal education, regardless of their mental or physical handicap.

"I am to communicate frequently with each student's parent by letter, phone, newsletter and grade card. I'm to do all of this with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a 45 minute more-or-less plan time and a big smile, all on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps in many states."

"Is that all?"

"And you want me to do all of this and expect me not to pray?"

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