



## **Writing a letter to the editor**

- 1) Keep it short – no more than 250 words.
- 2) Stick to one topic
- 3) Stay Positive
- 4) Write about your colleagues
- 5) See this as an opportunity to educate the public about our schools

Some possible topics:

- Write about a fellow teacher or support staff person who does incredible things.
  - Teachers who donate money for student field trips, buy student clothing, backpacks, supplies, etc.
  - Teachers who work with students with high needs and the things they do to reach out to students.
  - Any story about teachers who go above and beyond every day.
  - Talk about the hours your colleagues put in searching for resources and lessons then shares them with you.
- Write about your students (don't use real names). Challenges they have and what you do to help them. We are talking about positive stories, like:
  - students who lost parents or siblings
  - students who are overcoming the odds and finding success
  - students who have done something to show you how much they love and appreciate you or a colleague.
- Write about why you are a teacher and stay a teacher. Talk about your path to becoming a teacher and what you thought teaching would be like vs. what it is really like.
- Write about a parent or business that has shown you appreciation or someone who volunteers in your room and how grateful you are for that.
- Write about how sad you are to see great teachers leaving our schools.

We want to get out as many personal stories about our schools, the people who work in them and the successes of our students.

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