

## ARE THEY STRONG ELECTED LEADERS TOO?

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Teachers are made up to be the heroes of every election season. This is because they are called on to do back-breaking, doing the most crucial and critical thankless task during the polls. Moreover, we cannot deny the fact the invaluable role played by teachers in ensuring the success of 2022 National Election. Teachers standing for anyone in this election but to stand and doing their part to have a “clean and fair” election. Indeed, teachers have proven that they were skillful to lead both inside and outside the classroom. Can we consider them as strong elected leaders too? Let me utter what something in common to teachers and elected officials. The ability to communicate with others is key, when it comes to being an effective teacher and elected official. Teachers and students need to have connection so students know what they’ll be learning and what to expect from the school year. Likewise, elected officials must attach with their constituents so constituents know what bills are being created, what is going on with their government, and a variety of other issues that impact their daily life. Teachers and elected officials’ roles require the ability to not only speak openly but to do so in a way that their audience understands them. Teachers are strong listeners as to elected officials. Listening well is one of the pivotal skills required to be a teacher and an elected official. Both teachers and elective officials to truly support those they are in charge of helping, they must be able to take comment from their students/constituents. Teachers are strong collaborators same with elected officials too. Employed in government, similar to working in education, means never truly working alone. The ability to work effectively in a group is the key to success. In order to collaborate effectively you need to be able to fill numerous roles. Team up well also means you must be open to learning from others.

When you work in the government, you’re intended to be working with others who sit  
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across party lines from you, similar to teachers who have diverse teaching styles. The ability to work together is pivotal to overall success. Above all, teachers are forever learners, same thing with elected officials. The ability to not only teach others but also continue to learn themselves is critical for both teachers and elected officials as times change and resources grow. There is an unspoken commitment to continuing to learn so one can either teach their students more successfully or support their constituents who need different things than those years prior.

Salute to our dear teachers' bravery and dedication. You are our unsung heroes. Whether elected officials or not, we are riding on the same boat which is equipped with oars, but which direction would you row? What matter most is to paddle the right direction in ensuring the development of emotionally and intellectually mature individuals capable of pursuing productive employment and entrepreneurship or higher education disciplines.

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