

Evelyn Vozar- Strongsville Resident (44136); Baldwin Wallace Student: Unpaid student teaching has impacted me greatly as I am **consistently financially at a loss**. As a student teacher, **we are in the field all day- and when we are not in the field, we are prepping for the field. Finding the right job that'll let you squeeze in a few hours a week is near impossible**, at least it is for me. **Paid student teaching would make this so much more freeing, so I can truly focus on my students with no distractions**.The financial burden of student teaching means that student teachers are not able to truly give our 100%, even though **we'd love to**. Being a "broke college student" is common, yes, but when **you're driving over a half hour every day to get to your field placement, you need to at least be able to afford gas in your car**. Paid student teaching would call for more **dedicated student teachers- that is the bottom line**. Non-distracted, fully dedicated student teachers.