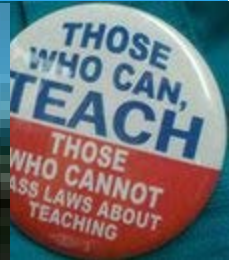


# Reclaiming Your Profession



# Aspects of our profession that are under attack:

- \* Teacher Pensions
- \* Tenure
- \* Salary Schedules
- \* Health Benefits
- \* Teacher Unions/Collective Bargaining
- \* Due Process Rights
- \* Professional Dignity

# Reclaiming Your Profession Step #1: The Personal

- \* Make a rule to never allow a negative comment about the teaching profession to go unanswered.
- \* You are a professional, prove it!
- \* Get educated on the issues that are important to the profession of teaching.

# Reclaiming Your Profession Step #2: Focus on the Community

- \* Write letters to the editor, or respond to comments made about teachers that are made in various forms of media.
- \* Attend school board meetings and speak during the public comment portions.
- \* Serve on district committees and interact with members of the administration and the community.

# Reclaiming Your Profession Step #3: Become an Activist

- \* Be a leader in the RNEA.
- \* Contact your elected officials.
- \* Work on a school board campaign.
- \* Donate money to a political candidate or cause.
- \* Participate in a political event...  
...like protesting Michelle Rhee at Powell Hall on  
November 8<sup>th</sup>!

Remember, you do THE most important job in society!

