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Just how many nonperforming, underperforming or incompetent teachers are there in the Wyoming public education system?

It's easy to slur all teachers by making generalized statements about the "quality of education" in Wyoming being the fault of classroom teachers. To make that blanket accusation, someone must have a figure in mind. A number or percentage of teachers the many accusers believe are nonperforming, underperforming or incompetent?

So, what is it? What is that number?

Do five percent of Wyoming teachers fall into that description? Ten percent?

Let's go with the higher figure. To believe that teachers are responsible for what their accusers perceive is a low quality of education in the state, the accuser(s) must also believe that one in ten affects the end result to the point of confirming their belief that education, as a whole, in Wyoming, is "embarrassing," as one TV commercial states.

If that labeling is correct, that ten percent of Wyoming teachers are inadequate, what does that say about the 90 percent who are not? Are the anti-teachers saying that 90% cannot offset the failings of the ten percent? Or 95% vs. 5%?

Does anyone seriously think that there are fewer than ten percent incompetent legislators? Are the expectations higher for teachers than lawmakers? Sit in the gallery for a few hours and then call me. Try to convince me that all those on the floor at each end of the building (the State Capitol) are capable, knowledgeable, well-spoken, honest,

sincere, ambitious, awake and can make their point in a thousand words or less. How about attorneys?

On average, do you believe the critics of teachers and public education in Wyoming are more capable than the average school teacher?

It seems counterproductive to harp on a subject as old as fire - that education could be improved in our schools - without proposing a solution to do so.

Teacher evaluations are being done now. Are they perfect? Hell no. Is the evaluation done of you on your job foolproof? Not likely. Our biggest problems in public education around here have been at the administrative level, not with teachers. We've had to get rid of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president of our local community college and the superintendent of our local school district. None were forced out because they were short. They were forced out because they were incompetent. And now some want even more power to reside in the hands of those proven incompetent? Wyoming's educational slogan should be "Dare to be Average." If we maintain that or better, who are we to complain? We have far less than that in daily newspapers, elected officials and public/donor funds-paid heads of LEADS and the Wyoming Business Council.

Seriously, does anyone think that the lobbyists who cast the scurrilous accusations against teachers graduated at the top their class? Maybe that's their problem. Anger. Envy?

The Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless

A public service announcement ...

The Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless is in need of donations of dish soap (for use in the sink, NOT the dishwasher), Clorox, Clorox clean-up, Clorox/Lysol wipes, 45 gallon trash bags, and tall kitchen bags.

Food items needed include cup of noodles, cup of soup, Healthy Choice and other soups in the individual size serving, Chef Boyardee meals in individual size servings, individual size fruit cups, individual size vegetable cups, tuna/chicken salad kits, nutrition bars, Boost and other similar nutritional drinks. Other food items are welcome but they need to be in individual size servings and/or wrapped individually.

Clothing donations are still on hold while we reorganize our clothing closets - we received so much during the holidays that we have to ask that no donations of clothing be brought to either closet until the end of February.

Cash donations are needed to help with the purchase of needed supplies to complete walls in the Richards Center that will speed up the opening of the daycare for homeless children.

Volunteers are needed to repair bikes to be given to homeless individuals needing transportation; to sort clothing; pick up donations; and to help with computer classes, art classes, music classes and job/living skills classes at the Richards Center.

For more information or to volunteer contact Virginia at 634-8499

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Unknown, possibly Lee Iacocca

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