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Lamenting what's being lost without school

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I recently read about a teacher's union threatening to strike if sent back to teach in class, after a year of absences.

My prayers and compliments go to the substitute teachers who are stepping forward. If the teachers could only realize how hollow their claim of "doing it for the children" does not ring true right now.

Today's children are shouldering the pressure of out-of-work parents, a lack of contact with friends, a lack of equipment to learn with, all with parents who are stressed out by holding the equivalent of a "one-room schoolhouse" with multiple learning levels in some homes.

How can educators look the health care workers, first responders and yes the grocery checkers in the eye, as they serve men, women and children in the thousands each week.

As I sat at the table this morning a song was on the radio: "Where do we go from here?" What do we tell all the children, whose education is suspended? I write with great sadness until the children and teachers are a united front.

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