

## Program builds respect for teaching

# Teacher for a day

With all the negative comments being made about the teaching profession these days, it's time to set the record straight. Most of the public have not been in a classroom in years. They simply don't understand what today's schools are all about.

Your local can illustrate the teaching experience by letting invited community residents "walk a mile in your shoes" through NJEA's Teacher for a Day program. Now in its third year, this innovative program works to debunk the myths about teaching while building support for teachers, students, and public schools. It is a fun, easy, and eye-opening way to build education allies in your community as the participants learn first-hand the challenges of teaching.

Teaching is not—nor was it ever—the "cushy job" many people think it is. There's no better way to show this than to let members of public try it for themselves.

To learn more, visit the Teacher for a Day webpage found in the Parents and Community section of [njea.org](http://njea.org).

Interested in seeing this program in action? View NJEA's Classroom Close-up episode about Teacher for a Day on [njea.org](http://njea.org) and watch how one local association changed their community's perception of public education.