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Where would we be without teachers?

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Members of the teaching profession are astounded that Minister Steven Joyce, in releasing data on career options, suggests teaching isn't the profession to choose if you want a prosperous future!

'I can't believe that any Minister of the Crown would define 'prosperous' purely as financial gain,' said Iain Taylor, President of the New Zealand principals' Federation (NZPF).

'If it wasn't for school teachers, there would be no university students to make any sort of career choices,' said Taylor.

'The contribution that the teaching profession makes to the kids of this country and to society in general is immeasurable. Unlike the Minister, teachers are drawn to the profession because they are passionate about making a difference for kids, and about shaping a future society that is culturally inclusive, caring, critical and creative. That's what will lead us to be a prosperous nation,' said Taylor, 'not a few individuals with fat bank balances.'

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