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I will very concisely and succinctly state my opinion about the ongoing dispute between our union and the present NS Government.

I have been a public school teacher for the past 25 years, taught in many provinces and for three NS School Boards in my career thus far. I have never before experienced being stretched in so many directions by so many "new" and relentlessly presented provincial directives. However, during the "Work to Rule" period I actually had time to teach! It was refreshing and eye opening for me and many of my colleagues.

During this Teacher Appreciation Week, I feel that many parents appreciate us and the work we do for their children, but I am quite certain that our own employer does not appreciate us in the least. We have been continuously disrespected by both our Premier and Education Minister in public during this labour dispute. It is quite disheartening. As I would counsel my young elementary students when they are not choosing to be respectful, "Ask yourself if it's kind, necessary or helpful before you speak."

Send these two to the principal's (or principles...perhaps) office, please.

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.