

# IF ALL ELSE FAILS, THEN THERE SHOULD BE A TEACHERS' STRIKE!

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If there's a strike today, or a strike tomorrow; will anybody care?  
The schools will be 'open for business,' but no students will be anywhere.  
It's not just the question of money. There is so much more at stake.  
The level of education needs to be improved for ALL our students' sake.  
There are too many kids in a classroom and we have fewer hours in which to teach.  
Doesn't anyone think of the future with our educational goals to reach?

We English teachers should be valued, not down-trodden and ignored.  
Good teachers equal good students, ones who are challenged and never bored.  
A good teacher is aware of the needs of every student in the class.  
The dyslexic as well as the slow learner, each one s/he helps to pass.  
Hours are spent on lesson plans and grading countless essays and tests  
and what about taking enrichment courses? A good English teacher never rests!

Don't tell ME we teachers earn enough. Not for the work we do,  
But there are other issues to be considered and it's time we teachers got our due.  
First the NBA Projects were added, which we had to read and check and return.  
Now they are tooting their HOTS horn which so many teachers are trying to spurn.

Why doesn't the Board of Education **first** fix the problems that we face every day?  
By making even **more** changes, these problems won't just up and go away!  
Wouldn't it be lovely if English teachers refused en masse to take the HOTS course?  
**Who would teach Bagrut then?** Why are we being made to take it by force?

How sad that the only ones to read this will be **just other English teachers like me.**  
The Board of Education seems to be deaf to all our heartfelt pleas.

## ONE STUDENT'S RESPONSE:

A strike today, a strike tomorrow: it won't bother **ME** at all.  
I'll be able to sleep till mid-afternoon; I'll really have a ball.

**So what** if my lessons are cancelled? The classes are so overflowing that the English teacher rarely 'get round' to **me**....and the number keeps growing and growing.

**If** there's a strike, it can go on for all I care until 2028.  
Meanwhile, I'll go to bed whenever I want..... and keep on getting up late.

"What about material missed?" you ask? I don't think about it like that, you see.  
What does the Board of Education want .....that our English teachers should work for free?????