A good teacher is the most important factor in student achievement.

"As a physics teacher, most students come into my classroom already feeling defeated and afraid of the material. It is my job to show them that they can be successful and understand the world around them."

Jeremy Zimmerman
B.A. Physics, B.S. Ed. '14
Princeton High School

"As a physics teacher, I have the opportunity to help students gain confidence in their own abilities in making sense of the world... and play with toys!"

John Rowe
B.S. Ed. '85
M.Ed. '97
Cincinnati Public Schools

"I love teaching physics because it's something the students interact with daily. Physics covers such a broad spectrum of topics allowing every student to find an area they really enjoy."

Jordan Simmons
M. Ed. '12
Norwood High School

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