

# Let's set the record Straight!

The NJEA, the Atlantic County Council of Education Associations and our local affiliates are, like everyone else, well aware of the economic crisis facing the State of New Jersey. Our members and their families have felt the impact of the crisis just like everyone else. As educators and advocates for our students, we have done - and will continue to do - our part to ensure that every child receives a great public school education.



- As taxpayers and citizens, we have pitched in to help our state through this economic crisis.
- We agreed to a 10 percent increase in our contributions to our retirement fund.
- We increased the legal retirement age from 60 to 62.
- We helped create a new School Employees' Health Benefits Program that has saved local school districts hundreds of millions of dollars in just three years.
- The fact is, the Legislature and Governors of both parties failed to keep their promise to public school employees. For 11 out of the last 15 years, they failed to contribute anything to that system, leading to its under-funding.

**Governor Christie is attacking teachers and school employees to distract from the fact that his cuts are hurting kids.**

**As educators and advocates, his attacks will NEVER stop us from working to ensure that every child gets a great public school education.**

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