

We did it!

3,900 education jobs saved in New Jersey!

This summer, more than 10,000 New Jersey teachers – and thousands of ESPs – received pink slips, after Gov. Christie and the Legislature cut state school spending by \$1.4 billion. Programs were cut, and class sizes were soaring.

But NJEA members fought back. We sent **64,000 emails** to members of Congress – **more than ONE-FIFTH of all emails sent by NEA members nationwide!** – and Congress passed the education jobs bill, sending \$268 million to New Jersey.

Thanks to our hard work, **3,900 of our colleagues will be back to work this September** – instead of standing on the unemployment lines! That's good news for them, for our students, and for their parents, who want well-staffed schools and smaller class sizes.

Please thank your Members of Congress ...

Please take just a couple of minutes to call Sens. Robert Menendez (D) and Frank Lautenberg (D), who led the fight for this legislation, and, if your Congressman is among the 8 who voted for it, call him, too! Thank them all for standing up for public education, and for the students of New Jersey!

Sen. Robert Menendez (D) – 202-224-4744

Cong. John Adler (D) – 202-225-4765

Cong. Rush Holt (D) – 202-225-5801

Cong. Bill Pascrell (D) – 202-225-5751

Cong. Steve Rothman (D) – 202-225-5061

Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D) – 202-224-3224

Cong. Rob Andrews (D) – 202-225-6501

Cong. Frank Pallone (D) – 202-225-4671

Cong. Donald Payne (D) – 202-225-3436

Cong. Albio Sires (D) – 202-225-7919

And there's another victory in our sights...

Now, NJEA is pushing for passage of its own legislation – S1940 – **which would require any district getting financial concessions from its unions to use that money to rehire laid-off staff.**

That's only *right*, and it's only *fair*. And thanks to our lobbying, S1940 has passed the State Senate, and now awaits a vote in the Assembly. NJEA will be pushing for passage when the Assembly returns to work, and when the bill is passed, we will call on Gov. Christie to sign it.

It's our job to fight back!

The attacks on public education will continue, but **we're not backing down.** We know that parents and other taxpayers support strong public schools. We're on the right side, and together, we will prevail!

