

**NJEA REGION 5
PENSION ACTIVIST
UPDATE**

#FundNJPension

Keep The Promise - Fully Fund Our Pensions!

**NOW
MORE THAN EVER -
IT IS TIME
TO TAKE ACTION!**

*"Today's Supreme
Court ruling is a blow to
the rule of law in New
Jersey."
NJEA President Wendell Steinhauer*



ACTION #1

JOIN REGION 5 AT OUR

“KEEP THE PROMISE” PENSION RALLY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

**THE OFFICES OF SENATOR DAWN ADDIEGO
176 Rt. 70, MEDFORD, NJ 08055
3:30 – 5:30 PM**

BRING YOUR OWN HAND-MADE SIGNS!

WEAR RED!

**TELL SENATOR ADDIEGO SHE MUST
SUPPORT A
FULLY-FUNDED FY 2016 BUDGET
AND
SHE MUST VOTE TO OVERRIDE THE
GOVERNOR’S EXPECTED VETO!**

Let our office know you plan to attend –
Contact Linda Sacks (sacksl@njea.org) or Tricia Fair (pfair@njea.org)

ACTION #2 -- THIS WEEK!

1) Keep the Pressure On! Contact Legislators via email, letter, postcard or social media

As the July 1 deadline to pass the FY 2016 budget gets nearer, it is increasingly important to continue to reach out to our legislators.

Continue to contact all of the Republican members of the Assembly Budget and Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. I have listed below the Republicans who serve on that committee. **It does NOT matter if you live in their LD. They serve the entire state on this committee.** Call and let them know that you want a budget for FY 2016 that includes the actuarially required contribution of 5/7 payment which is \$3.2 billion, not the proposed \$1.3 billion which is far shorter than what is required by law.

Senators (R):

Jennifer Beck - 732-933-1591
Anthony Bucco – 973-627-9700
Kevin O’Toole – 973-237-1360
Steven Oroho – 973-300-0200
or 908 – 441-6343
Samuel Thompson – 732-607-7580

Assemblyman (R):

Chris Brown – 609-654-1498
Anthony Bucco – 973-927-2526
Declan O’Scanlon – 732-933-1591
Jay Webber – 973-265-0057

Also, contact your legislators with the same message. They need to hear from their constituents.

- **Join the Great Payday Campaign.** Monday, June 15, is another payday. If you have not yet already done so, set up a Twitter account; use your account to communicate with legislators. Refer to NJEA’s site, www.FundNJPensions.org, for Twitter contact information for your legislators. Be sure to send pictures to the Region 5 office.



2) Legislative visits: Week 5 and Going Strong!

- **IMPORTANT:** Please let the Region 5 office know of any pension organizing activities within your association; e.g., post card signing gatherings, payday rally or photograph of your members, an association social media event, etc.

We’d love to include the information in future updates.



ACTIONS #3 AND #4

JOIN MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

NJEA LOBBY DAYS JUNE 25 AND JUNE 29

(NOTE: THESE ARE LOBBY DAYS, NOT
RALLY DAYS)



**MEET AT NJEA HEADQUARTERS AND THEN
HEAD OVER TO THE STATE HOUSE!**

**OUR LEGISLATORS HAVE TO SEE OUR MEMBERS AS THEY
GET READY TO CAST THEIR VOTE
TO FULLY FUND OUR PENSIONS!!!**

- Please RSVP to Iris Star in NJEA'S Government Relations Division, at 609-599-4561, ex. 2249 or e-mail istar@njea.org. Let the Region 5 office know you registered, too.
- Meet at NJEA HQ, 180 West State Street, Trenton (Parking is located in back of the building off of Calhoun Street.)
- We will conduct a briefing at 10 am and then go to the Statehouse to lobby legislators.
- Please remember to bring a picture ID and wear business/professional attire.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Additional information will be shared prior to each date.

ACTION #5 - DURING THE SUMMER

- ✓ Mark your calendar and save these dates for further Region 5 activities:
 - Thursday, July 16
 - Monday, August 24
- ✓ Send an email every day during your summer break to the legislators from both your home and your school's legislative districts! Your message can be the same each day, but your legislators need to see daily that you are expecting them to act on your behalf to protect your pension funds. Post on the legislators' Facebook pages; message them through their Twitter account. Contact information can be found at NJEA's dedicated site, www.fundnjpensions.org.
- ✓ You are already a pension activist – speak with your co-workers and get them to sign up also to take action and stay informed. Go to www.fundnjpensions.org to sign up online.

This my father! He taught for 30 years in Maple Shade. I followed in his footsteps in my career path and I was SO proud to picket with him today! *GO RETIREES!* Vanessa Dorothy, member of the Maple Shade EA.



- ✓ If you are not already a registered voter, take time during the summer to register and be sure your voice will be heard in November!



You Are Making A Difference; Keep Up The Full Court Press!



NJEA Region 5 – Home of the Advocates
Harry Debbie Patrick Linda Tricia

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