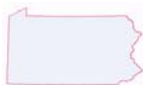


FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Stand up against politicians who put irresponsible tax cuts ahead of New Jersey's college and university students, parents and the future of our state's economy.

Across the Country



Taking office this year, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett demonstrated that his top priorities were to break unions and make drastic cuts to education. He also stated that he would sign a "right-to-work" bill as soon as it came to his desk. Corbett has:

- Proposed cutting funding for higher education by 50 percent;
- Proposed cutting funding for education overall by nearly \$1 billion while pushing for \$400 million in tax breaks for business.



In Wisconsin, Gov. Scott Walker began his assault on public employees and workers' rights immediately upon taking office. Under Walker, residents and union members have faced:

- Collective bargaining rights have been stripped from higher education, home childcare and home healthcare workers;
- Major cost shifts for pension and healthcare benefits to employees—amounting to a 16 percent pay cut for public higher education workers.

In New Jersey



Governor Chris Christie has underfunded higher education and eliminated the Commission on Higher Education.

The Governor's "toolkit" proposals call for:

- Restrictions on higher education collective bargaining rights;
- Eliminating tuition caps;
- Privatizing growth and construction; and,
- Shifting more power to college and university Presidents without a statewide strategic plan.

What is the difference between these states and New Jersey?

Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have Republican-controlled state legislatures. New Jersey has a maintained a slight Democratic majority in the Assembly and Senate so Governor Christie cannot fully enact his agenda.

How you vote is your decision. With all seats up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, AFTNJ urges members to help maintain a balance of power and a balanced approach to helping the economy recover.