



Stand up against politicians who put irresponsible tax cuts for the rich ahead of our children and schools.

Across the Country



Elected in 2010, Ohio Gov. John Kasich immediately began his assault on public schools by proposing devastating funding cuts to public education and community services. This assault includes:

- \$2 billion in cuts from the public school budget while simultaneously expanding the state's voucher program from 14,000 to 60,000 students;
- Ending Ohio's commitment to universal all-day kindergarten; and
- Significantly undermining collective bargaining for K-12 employees.



Elected in 2010, Florida Gov. Rick Scott pursued an agenda to gut public education and to silence the union voice of educators and working people. Scott and the Legislature have:

- Cut education funding by more than \$500 per pupil;
- Placed an initiative on the ballot that would cap spending increases, locking these cuts into the state constitution; and
- Scott signed legislation doing away with tenure for new teachers.

In New Jersey



Governor Chris Christie has outlined plans to do away with teacher tenure and set up a performance-based review system, create a merit pay system and allow private, for-profit companies to take over schools.

He is also pushing the expansion of charter schools.

“Let New Jersey lead the way again. The time to eliminate teacher tenure is now.” - Chris Christie State of the State address. Jan. 11, 2011

Christie's extreme cuts to education funding had to be reversed by the state's Supreme Court.

What is the difference between these states and New Jersey?

Ohio and Florida have Republican-controlled state legislatures. New Jersey has 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.