

The \$24,000 teacher...

What sort of professionals could we attract to the teaching profession if New Jersey paid an average teacher salary of **\$24,000 per year**?

If Chris Christie gets his way, we might soon find out.

Governor Christie, in his ongoing assault on public education, on May 10 proposed a cap of 2.5% on the growth of salaries and benefits for all school employees.

What would that do to New Jersey?

Well, consider this: **in 1969, the average teacher salary in New Jersey was \$9,130.**

If that had been increased by 2.5% per year, as Gov. Christie is now proposing, the average teacher salary **TODAY** would be... **\$23,917.**

That would place New Jersey **DEAD LAST** in the nation in average teacher salary -- **\$13,000 below South Dakota**, and **LESS THAN HALF** the national average!

Who could afford to devote a career to education at that salary?

That's Gov. Christie's vision for our future.

Here are some more facts:

While wages across New Jersey have increased by an average of **3.75% annually** for the last decade, Gov. Christie wants to limit school employees' income growth to 2.5%.

While inflation has averaged **3.09% over the last decade**, Gov. Christie wants to limit school employees' income growth to 2.5%.

Where will we find the next generation of educators?

Just go find everyone who could afford to work for **\$24,000 per year today.**

Chris Christie wants to cut your salary, while cutting taxes for the state's wealthiest taxpayers.

**It's time to stand up to Chris Christie.
Tell him to stop attacking public education.
*The New Jersey Education Association***