



Third Annual Warren/Hunterdon Legislative Dinner a Success

The third annual Hunterdon & Warren County Education Associations Joint Legislative Dinner was held at the Coach 'N Paddock on Thursday, April 26 and 178 members attended. Warren County had 113 members attend the event. All three Legislative members, Senator William Schluter, Assemblyman Leonard Lance and Assemblywoman Connie Myers were in attendance and presented their views and positions on many of the issues that our members are presently facing.

NJEA President, Michael Johnson, spoke about the future of the "Pension Enhancement" legislation A-3506. President Johnson encouraged everyone to write personal letters and make phone calls to the Senate and Assembly Representatives. A question / answer period followed the NJEA message.

This annual dinner provided a positive stage for our members to converse in person with our District 23



NJEA President Michael Johnson, HCEA GR member Donna Paluka, WCEA President Carol Mertz, Phillipsburg and WCEA GR member Michael Kruczek.



Retired High School teacher Al Tavalsky and Association President George Chilmonik



Karen Volkert, Green Street School, and Brad Howard, High School



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President's Letter

The President's Letter will return in the June edition.

Privatization/Subcontracting warning signs

1. If you have school board members, a superintendent, or other administrator who...
 - Is a member of a far right organization
 - Seems greatly enamored with the concept of applying competition or market forces to the public school system
 - Has been heavily supported by business
 - Is coming under increasing fire for poorly run schools
 - Is facing severe budget problems
 ...then it's time to start explaining to your members and key community leaders what could be coming and why it is not a good idea.
2. Monitor board meetings closely for any talk of a corporate take-over or the corporate take-over of other public services in your community.
3. School administrators, business people, or board members promote/support a corporate take-over.
4. Unknown visitors or representatives from private corporations conducting tours on school grounds or administrators, supervisors, or board members invited to meetings with private corporation representatives.



High School teachers Emily Roche and Diane Volk



Vice-President Barbara Alderfer and retired teacher Pat O'Neil



Teachers Stephanie Welwood, Kathy Ricker and Aide Elaine Strahle from the High School

The PEA Retirement/Teacher Recognition Dinner/Dance will still be held on June 7th from 6:00 p.m. - ? . There will be music after the speeches are over. As of right now there are approximately 75 people attending. Please feel free to sign up with your building social representative if you have not done so already.

A-3506 (Asselta, Azzolina) This bill was introduced in the Assembly and would change the pension formula for active and retired members of TPAF and PERS from N/60 to N/55. It would also reduce the employees' contribution to TPAF from 4-1/2 % to 3%, which is the same as the current PERS contribution level. This bill will likely be referred to the Assembly State Government Committee.



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