

President's Report

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The role of our Association Representatives as communicators is more important than ever. Please share the following information with all of our members during the coming week:

Education Reform

Over the next 8 – 10 weeks the N.J. Senate and Assembly will take on the issue of education reform. Now more than ever educators need to take the lead in that discussion. As a result, NJEA has formulated a package of proven, research-based initiatives. Over the next few weeks NJEA will be continuing to update the specifics of that plan.

What educators need to do?

1. Put a call in to your legislators.

- Ask them if they have seen NJEA's education reform plan.
- If "yes," ask them where they stand, then email your lobbyist with the information.
- If "no," offer to email them this link to our website:
<http://www.njea.org/news/2011/10/28/education%20reform%20done%20right>

2. Educate and activate members in your county and local

- Familiarize yourself with the documents below.
 - "*Education reform done right, right now,*" NJEA Review article
 - "*What Legislation has Done for You,*"
 - "*Why does NJEA support smart tenure reform?*"
- Review the additional document,
 - "*NJEA EDUCATION REFORM PLAN, PART 1: Nurturing a culture of teaching excellence.*" You can distribute copies of this to members.
- Share your knowledge and discuss NJEA's reform plan at faculty meetings. Let our members know that NJEA's education reform agenda is a top priority right now.

Continue to stay informed by texting "REFORM" to 738674—and to check www.njea.org <<http://www.njea.org>> for periodic updates.

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