

# SHAMEFUL?

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**Johnston gives up effort  
to upgrade science instruction**

## ***YOU BET!***

# But NOT for the reasons you think.

**Governor Carcieri and the Johnston School officials have been quick to blame Johnston teachers for refusing to cooperate with a Science Grant Program.**

**The facts prove that nothing can be further from the truth:**

- The Johnston Federation of Teachers (JFT) has **NEVER** been approached by School Administrators or the School Committee about this program.
- The only teacher contact was with a small group of teachers **AFTER** the grant was awarded. At that meeting those teachers had numerous questions about training dates, amount of time commitment, length of involvement and how the changes would be implemented into the existing curriculum. All of those questions remain unanswered. Any informed decision on participating in this grant would be predicated on receiving the answers to these questions. To date, the only new information teachers have about this program is what they read in the newspaper.
- The JFT and the School Department have an existing contract agreement for a model Professional Development Institute (PDI). The PDI is designed to address teacher training and curriculum changes. With advanced planning, the Science Grant could easily be incorporated into this program.

**The only shameful activity has been on the part of Johnston School officials and Governor Carcieri, who have hurt the reputation of Johnston's dedicated teachers without acknowledging the facts.**

## **Governor Carcieri And Johnston School Officials Owe Johnston School Teachers An Apology**