

It's NOT Working

"If they strike,
we'll be in court"

Providence Journal, October 31, 2008

The number of unresolved
contracts is the largest that
education leaders can remember.

Providence Journal, August 13, 2008

13 school
districts
lack teacher
contracts

*Providence Journal,
August 13, 2008*

Current state law
is murky on
teacher strikes

Providence Journal, August 13, 2008

...a series of
lawsuits and
appeals followed.

*Providence Journal,
June 17, 2009*

The school board has spent
\$495,701 on legal expenses
in the first seven months of
this fiscal year.

Providence Journal, June 11, 2009

Here's **A** Solution that works for **EVERYONE.**



There are major challenges facing Rhode Island's schools, our children, our classroom teachers and the taxpayers. Contract disputes, threats of teacher strikes and wasted taxpayer money on legal fees are distractions we can do without. The focus should be on the classroom – not the courtroom.

Fortunately, there is a solution that works for everyone.

Legislation is pending at the State House that will end these contract disputes once and for all through binding arbitration – the same process successfully utilized by police officers and firefighters to keep our communities safe. It will put an end to teacher strikes. It will end the courtroom battles and wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars. And most importantly, it will improve Rhode Island's educational system.

Call your legislators today and tell them to pass this
extremely important piece of legislation.

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