

Can You Spot The Difference?



BEFORE

Governor Carcieri's Budget







AFTER

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If Governor Carcieri's budget bill passes, she won't be the only disappearing teacher.

For six years the governor has had the opportunity to enter into meaningful dialogue on the subject of improving education in Rhode Island. Instead, he has chosen to scapegoat teachers and under-fund education. Now he is proposing sweeping changes in his supplemental budget that will further undermine Rhode Island's educational foundation and create chaos in the classroom.

The governor's budget will:

-  Cut state aid to local schools by \$50 million
-  Force the retirement of over 1,500 teachers and administrators, making it almost impossible for them to be replaced
-  Jeopardize programs because of the retirement of teachers with specialized training and expertise
-  Create over-crowded classrooms for our students, many of whom are already in over-crowded classrooms
-  Eliminate certified school nurse teachers, jeopardizing student safety and well being
-  Drastically alter the learning environment for all students in public schools across Rhode Island

Fortunately, the governor's irresponsible and risky proposal can be stopped by the General Assembly. **Our children deserve better** than to be pawns in a crisis that was not of their making.

CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY.

Tell them to stand up for our children and teachers.

Tell them to stop Governor Carcieri's devastating budget proposal.

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