

Subject: FW: Your job security is at risk. Take action today!

On Friday, June 13, 2014 1:18 PM, Mike Crossey <noreply@psea.org> wrote:

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Your job security is at risk in the General Assembly.

House Bill 1722 would give Pennsylvania school boards free reign to furlough you and your colleagues at will without regard to seniority.

This legislation could move quickly in June. Tell your state representative that retaining seasoned, experienced educators in the classroom provides real rewards to Pennsylvania's students.

[Please take action TODAY! Email your state representative and urge him or her to oppose House Bill 1722.](#)



Lawmakers should be focused on finalizing a state budget in the next two weeks that begins to restore the more than 700 academic program reductions that have occurred as a result of Gov. Corbett's nearly \$1 billion cut in school funding. **Instead, some organizations and lawmakers in Harrisburg would rather focus on stripping away your job security.**

HB 1722 authorizes school boards to furlough employees for economic reasons and **ties furloughs to the new educator evaluation system that has not yet even been fully implemented.**

Since 2011, more than 20,000 of your colleagues have lost their jobs, while educational opportunities for almost 2 million students have been greatly reduced because of Gov. Corbett's funding cuts. But instead of investing time and energy into repairing this damage and focusing on the real solutions that students need, organizations like Students First, funded by corporate donors, are using Pennsylvania's current school funding crisis to push their national "reform" agenda of removing seniority protections for you and your colleagues.

That's why we need you to speak up. [Contact your state representative and urge him or her to not be distracted from what really matters to Pennsylvanians](#) – a balanced approach to a state budget that funds our public schools, meets the Commonwealth's obligations, and supports our local communities and middle-class families.

In solidarity,
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