

FEBRUARY 2009

NAACP MEMBERS WE MUST MAKE CALLS OR SEND E-MAILS. OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IS AT RISK. INFORMATION FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS BELOW.

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ALERT TO TAKE ACTION**

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TO: NAACP UNIT PRESIDENTS, UNIT MEMBERS, STATE OFFICERS, STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: JOYCE MOLLINEAUX, STATE SECRETARY

RE: EDUCATION ALERT

—ORIGINAL MESSAGE—

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SUBJECT: RESTORE THE CUTS TO EDUCATION AND THE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S STIMULUS PACKAGE

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL YOUR U. S. REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS NOW. YESTERDAY, THE SENATE PASSED A STIMULUS BILL THAT REMOVED MUCH OF THE IMPORTANT PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING AND DRASTICALLY CUT THE "FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND" PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE! AS I EMAIL YOU THIS INFORMATION, THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IS ABOUT TO CONVENE TO WORK OUT

THE DIFFERENCES BET WEEN THE HOUSE VERSION (WE WANT) AND THE SENATE VERSION (CUT PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE "FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND"). PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING EMAIL TO URGE THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO PUT THE FUNDING BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL LEVEL!

HERE IS A SAMPLE MESSAGE FOR PHONE OR FORM TO CONTACT VIA E-MAIL:

I AM ALARMED TO LEARN THAT THE STIMULUS BILL THAT THE SENATE PASSED YESTERDAY, COMPLETELY CUT K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FROM THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. SUCH ASSISTANCE IS SO URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENSURE QUALITY IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO EXPAND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE LOW-INCOME AND WHO PRESENT SPECIAL NEEDS. THIS ALSO REPRESENTED A CUT TO FUNDING FOR MUCH NEEDED MODERNIZATION, RENOVATION AND REPAIR OF HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES. THE FUNDING IS CRUCIAL TO STIMULATING THE ECONOMY OF OUR STATE BECAUSE IT WILL PRESERVE THE JOBS OF EDUCATORS AND CREATE CONSTRUCTION JOBS. THESE CUTS REPRESENT 275 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH 12TH GRADE CONSTRUCTION AND 127 MILLION DOLLARS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION FOR NEW JERSEY. THIS REPRESENTS 7,267 JOBS OVER THE NEXT 2 YEARS.

THE SENATE BILL ALSO CUT IN HALF THE "FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND" THAT IS DESIGNED TO PARTIALLY CLOSE STATE AND LOCAL BUDGET SHORTFALLS AND ALLOW STATES TO AVOID SOME OF THE MOST HARMFUL ACTIONS — SUCH AS MASSIVE LAYOFFS AND PROGRAM CUTS THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE OUR MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS. THE CUT IN THIS FUND REPRESENTS 881 MILLION DOLLARS LESS IN AID TO NEW JERSEY.

PLEASE RESTORE FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE "FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND" IN THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

**I SUGGEST EMAIL, AS THE PHONE LINES MAY BE OVERWHELMED.
ALSO, BE SURE TO FORWARD THIS REQUEST TO OTHERS IN AND OUTSIDE OF NEW JERSEY BECAUSE ALL STATES WILL LOSE IF THESE FUNDS ARE NOT RESTORED.**

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THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION AND AS ALWAYS THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONFERENCE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT (609) 345-6039

MEMBERSHIP IS POWER! JOIN THE NAACP TODAY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL YOUR LOCAL NAACP UNIT

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TO THE ASBURY PARK EDITORIAL BOARD

WE WERE A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE ASBURY PARK PRESS EDITORIAL COLUMN USED ITS EDITORIAL PAGE TO STATE ASBURY PARK BOARD FLUNKS EXAM. IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS WE HOPED THE EDITORIAL BOARD WOULD HAVE ADDRESSED THE ISSUES THAT HAVE COMPROMISED THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK.

IF ONE CAREFULLY EXAMINES THE BUDGET PRESENTED THE NIGHT OF MARCH 31, 2009 BY BUILDING, IN EVERY BUILDING OVER 93% OF THE BUDGET IS ALL IN SALARIES. LEAVING THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK WITH ONLY 7% OF THE ACTUAL MONEY BEING SPENT ON TEXTBOOKS AND TECHNOLOGY! NOW LET'S ASK OURSELVES WHAT IS CLEARLY WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE. IF THE MAJORITY OF THE MONEY BY BUILDING IS NOT BEING SPENT ON TEXT BOOKS AND TECHNOLOGY, AND YOU HAD PARENTS STATING, AT THAT BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 31ST, THAT THEIR CHILDREN DON'T HAVE TEXT BOOKS AND THAT THERE ARE TEACHERS WHO ARE NOT TEACHING, WHAT PICTURE IS CLEARLY BEING PAINTED REGARDING THE ASBURY PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT? GRANTED WE DO HAVE SOME OUTSTANDING TEACHERS IN ASBURY PARK. THIS IS NOT TO PAINT A PICTURE THAT ALLOWS ANYONE TO THINK THAT ALL TEACHERS ARE NOT TEACHING. YOU HAD A PARENT STATE HER CHILD CAME HOME WITH A TEXTBOOK, FROM WHEN SHE WAS IN SCHOOL, AS IT CONTAINED THE NAME OF HER FRIEND IN THE ISSUED TO PORTION OF THE BOOK.

ALSO AT THIS BOARD MEETING YOU HAD PARENTS ASKING WHY WE ARE STILL PAYING FOR TWO SUPERINTENDENTS. ESPECIALLY WHEN THE COMMUNITY KNOWS THIS BOARD COULD NEVER AND WILL NEVER PROVIDE PROOF, THAT DR. LEWIS WAS EVER UNDER ANY INVESTIGATION. THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2006 BOARD MEETING AT WHICH THEY SUSPENDED LEWIS CLEARLY SHOW THAT, THEY HAD NO PROOF. THE TRANSCRIPTS FROM A COURT STENOGRAPHY SERVICE CLEARLY SUPPORT THE SAME. A STAFF MEMBER FROM THE NJDOE, HIMSELF CLEARLY STATED TO A MR. BRUCE TYSON, THAT, DR. LEWIS WAS SET UP. HE DID SO, IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHER NJDOE STAFF MEMBERS. ALL THIS IS JUST A MATTER OF ONE BIG LIE, WHICH HAS NOW COME HOME TO ROOST.

SO LET'S DO SOME MATH HERE. DR. LEWIS'S SALARY IS \$188,000.00 PER YEAR. HE'S BEEN SUSPENDED FOR TWO YEARS AND SEVEN MONTHS. SINCE THAT SUSPENSION THE BOARD GAVE AWAY ABOUT \$88,000.00 TO KATHY McDAVID TO BE AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. THEN WHEN SHE RESIGNED IMMEDIATELY, AFTER AS ONE BOARD MEMBER PUT IT OR RATHER CONFESSED TO THEIR CONSPIRACY "WE GAVE HER A BROOM TO SWEEP WITH" AND APPARENTLY SHE FAILED TO SWEEP. SO WHEN SHE WOULD NOT CARRY OUT THE CONSPIRACY, SHE LEFT THE BOARD WITHOUT A SUPERINTENDENT, WHICH BY LAW, THEY COULD NOT BE WITHOUT FOR MORE THAN 48 – 72 HOURS. IN COMES ANOTHER INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, BEING PAID HIS NORMAL \$115,000.00 PER YEAR SALARY, PLUS A STIPEND OF \$200.00 PER DAY. HERE'S ANOTHER NICE BIT OF INFORMATION FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF ASBURY PARK, YOU ARE ALSO PAYING FOR AN INTERIM VICE PRINCIPAL TO COVER THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REGULAR

POSITION. THIS IS ACTUALLY BECOMING A GREAT MATH PROBLEM, AT WHICH THE TAXPAYERS HAVE TO SOLVE FOR "Y". NOT FACTORING IN THE SALARY OF THE FISCAL MONITOR, OF \$650.00 PER DAY OR WHAT THE DISTRICT IS PAYING THE INTERIM VICE PRINCIPAL TO COVER FOR THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. THIS STUNT THE ASBURY PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION PULLED BACK IN 2006 HAS COST YOU THE TAXPAYERS AN ESTIMATED \$907,666.00 TO DATE. HOW MANY TEXTBOOKS, COMPUTERS AND SMART BOARDS, COULD HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR \$907,666.00? HOW MANY EXTRA SERVICES COULD WE HAVE OBTAINED FOR THE CHILDREN IN THIS DISTRICT?

THE ASBURY PARK – NEPTUNE NAACP AND MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE CALL THIS, THE BIGGEST COVER UP IN THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION. THE BIGGEST LIE EVER TOLD! IT'S LIKE THE HOT POTATO GAME. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE CHILDREN ARE LOOSING.

MARK COWELL SAYS TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT. HE'S RIGHT. WHY DON'T WE TRY GIVING THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK SOME TEXTBOOKS, TECHNOLOGY AND CLEAN BUILDINGS? OR, HOW ABOUT WE TRY GIVING THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK THE MOST QUALIFIED STAFF POSSIBLE? THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK WERE LEFT WITHOUT A DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM FOR ONE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE VOTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE LAST WE CHECKED CURRICULUM IS THE DRIVING FORCE OF EDUCATION. ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED AND NOTED CURRICULUM PERSONS IN THE STATE OF NJ, DR. DOROTHY DALLAH, WAS RECOMMENDED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM. WHAT DOES YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MAJORITY DO, THEY VOTED DOWN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN MAY OF 2006 AND THE CHILDREN WERE LEFT WITHOUT A DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM UNTIL ABOUT MAY OR JUNE OF 2007.

FURTHERMORE IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE IN 2007 THAT THE CURRENT PERSON IN THE POSITION DIDN'T EVEN APPLY FOR THE JOB NOR WERE THEY THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. THE MINISTERIAL QUESTIONED THE APPOINTMENT, WHEN IT APPEARED ON THE BOARD AGENDA IN 2007. OR HOW ABOUT THIS ONE TAX PAYER, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED OUT A COMMUNICATOR MATH PROGRAM IN THE SUMMER OF 2007 THEN VOTED IN A NEW MATH BOOK SERIES AND THE MAJORITY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, DIDN'T HAVE ANY TEXT BOOKS OR WORK BOOKS, UNTIL WELL AFTER THE FIRST MARKING PERIOD WAS OVER. THERE WAS NOT ONE DROP OF CURRICULUM WRITTEN AROUND THAT NEW MATH SERIES AND YOUR TEACHERS DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE MASTER TEXTBOOKS TO BEGIN TO DO ANYTHING TANGIBLE AROUND THE SERIES.

COULD ANY OF THIS BE WHY IT IS COSTING OVER \$22,000.00 PER CHILD? OR MAYBE IT'S THAT \$170,000.00 THAT THE BOARD HAD TO PAY DUE TO A PREVIOUS BOARD FILING FALSE TENURE CHARGES AGAINST DR. LEWIS.

YES THE 2009 – 2010 BUDGET CALLS FOR CUTS, BUT INSIDE OF THE CUTS LISTED WERE SIX POSITIONS THAT MR. COWELL PROBABLY WAS NOT AWARE WERE REQUIRED UNDER ABBOTT REGULATIONS. THOSE POSITIONS WERE THAT OF THE PARENT LIAISONS. ALL ANYONE HAS TO DO IS GO ON TO THE NJ DOE WEBSITE AND SEARCH FOR PARENT LIAISONS. ACCORDING TO N.J.A.C.6A:10A-3.6, WHICH THE NJDOE LIST. THE ABBOTT REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT EACH SCHOOL DO THE FOLLOWING: AND NUMBER SIX ON THE LIST IS "PROVIDE A FULL TIME PARENT LIAISON". WHY SHOULD ANYONE VOTE BLINDLY ON A BUDGET, MANY HAD JUST SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME?

THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK HAVE DELIBERATELY BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION! WAS IT TO JUSTIFY REGIONALIZATION? THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT "NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND", THEY FAILED TO DO SO. OR WAS IT JUST BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK WERE WORTHY OF QUALITY EDUCATION. PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WENT TO TRENTON TWICE. IT CONTINUES TO BE LABELED IN SUPPORT OF DR. LEWIS. THEY WENT BEGGING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NJDOE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THE CHILDREN OF ASBURY PARK RECEIVED QUALITY EDUCATION. YET PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PARENTS DO NOT CARE. THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN TO HAVE QUALITY EDUCATION HAVE INTENTIONALLY BEEN VIOLATED, WITHOUT ANY ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE DONE THE DIRTY DEED.

IT IS DUE TO EXAMPLES AS OUT LINED ABOVE, THAT THE ASBURY PARK – NEPTUNE NAACP, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TESTIFIED AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN LEGISLATION BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009 AT THE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN PATTERSON. LEGISLATION HAS TO BE CHANGED TO MAKE SURE THAT SITUATIONS LIKE ASBURY PARK ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OCCUR.

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