

Congratulations Governor Christie!!

You Da Man!!

Today is the final day of school for the Paterson Public School system. A STATE OPERATED system. Your policies have rooted out excessive spending and favoritism in the District ... well, maybe not so much ... but you sure have held down taxes and saved money. What a guy!

As a result of your bold actions there will be ...

- ✓ A loss of 391 non-tenure teaching jobs
- ✓ A loss of 246 tenured teaching jobs
- ✓ The end of the elementary art program taught by certified, qualified teachers
- ✓ The end of the elementary music program taught by certified, qualified teachers
- ✓ The end of the STATE MANDATED elementary world language program taught by certified, qualified teachers
- ✓ The reduction of library services by taught by certified, qualified librarians in the elementary schools
- ✓ The increase in class size throughout the school system
- ✓ The elimination of support services to students who most need these services

The list goes on and on Chris. You should be proud!

Oh, and by the way, with the reduction of these positions:

- you have destroyed the lives of 637 teachers and support staff, and their families, ALL OF WHOM ARE SOLIDLY IN THE MIDDLE CLASS YOU VOWED TO SAVE!
- you have weakened the middle class in our state
- you have lied to the teachers in Paterson and throughout the state when you said you would not attack them
- you have presented untruths about your proposed "tax cap" which has been shown in other states to be a disaster for education, and,
- you have done nothing to change the basic cause of our state's fiscal crisis

Oh, wait! You did save those oppressed people earning over \$400,000 from continuing to pay the income tax surcharge.

- And you are leading the charge to let charter schools thrive, at the expense of the public schools.
- And you did force those greedy teachers to pay 1.5% of their salary for health benefits, (even though there is no logic in paying based on salary rather than premium cost.)
- And you misled the public by saying that teacher jobs could be saved if teachers would take a salary freeze. That salary freeze in Paterson would be a drop in the bucket compared to your state aid cuts and save, maybe 75 positions.

Yup Chris, You Da Man, Way to Go!!