

Connecticut Education Association **STATEMENT**



CEA President Jeff Leake on the Passage of a State Budget

This is a fair, responsible budget that funds our neighborhood public schools, protects vital public services and the environment, and manages future teacher retirement costs without a cost shift to cities and towns, ensuring that Connecticut students have the best and brightest teachers in the classroom.

We recognize the challenges the governor and state legislators faced in balancing the budget, and we appreciate their willingness to reach an agreement that included Treasurer Shawn Wooden's plan to smooth out the state's payments to the teacher retirement fund over a longer period of time and lower the investment earning assumption to a more realistic rate, protecting the long-term solvency of the fund for years to come.

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The Connecticut Education Association is Connecticut's largest teachers' union, representing active and retired educators across the state.

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