



“A Change That’s Long Overdue”

Governor Christie’s Signing Of Teacher Tenure Reform Bill Is “Another Landmark Achievement” Representing “A Dramatic And Positive Step” For New Jersey Students

Star-Ledger Editorial Board: “Mark this as another landmark achievement for Gov. Chris Christie and Democratic leaders; more important in the end than even the pension and health reform.” (Editorial, [“A huge win on tenure,”](#) Star-Ledger, 6/24/12)

- “Christie is the first governor in either party with the moxie to challenge the NJEA head-on, a fight that he won in a romp.”

Times of Trenton Editorial Board: “[W]e applaud the overarching efforts intended to make it easier to get rid of bad teachers and reward good teachers.” (Editorial, “N.J. teacher tenure reform is long overdue,” [Times of Trenton](#), 6/24/12)

- “It reforms the current system, in which tenure is nearly immutable. And it represents a course correction for a century-old system foundering amid modern-day demands and realities.”
- “It’s a change that’s long overdue.”

The Bergen Record Editorial Board: “The ...bill[s] a dramatic and positive step that contains marked improvements on the front end.” (Editorial, “Tenure reform,” [Bergen Record](#), 6/21/12)

- “We particularly like that the bill strengthens the merit review process for new teachers. ...This is a marked improvement over the current formula and drives home the point that teaching, while an honorable profession, should be the choice of the serious, those willing to commit the time to make a difference.”
- “[T]his legislation most definitely represents progress.”

NJ Spotlight: “The fact that a major piece of legislation won support of the entire Senate and Assembly, Democrat and Republican alike, is a significant feat.” (John Mooney, “Christie Scheduled to Sign Historic Tenure Reform Bill Today,” [NJ Spotlight](#), 8/6/12)

- “Christie’s signature will only cement the achievement...”

New York Post Editorial Board: “The reform is a major achievement that should help dig public-school kids out of a failing school system.” (Editorial, “Christie’s tenure coup,” [New York Post](#), 6/22/12)

- “[A] real testament to Christie’s skill”
- “[K]udos to Christie.”

Philadelphia Inquirer Editorial Board: “[L]ong overdue changes to an antiquated system that was designed to protect teachers’ rights, but has become a tool that too often makes it nearly impossible to get rid of teachers who no longer, or never did, belong in front of a classroom” (Editorial, “N.J. tenure debate is near conclusion,” [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 6/22/12)

- "It's good to see Gov. Christie and New Jersey's powerful teachers' union finally find common ground on a tough issue — tenure."
- "The majority of teachers are dedicated to their students and working hard to improve academic achievement. But those who can't measure up should be held accountable."