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#### **STATEMENT OF GOV. CHRISTIE WHITMAN REGARDING THE STRIKE BY THE JERSEY CITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:**

The strike by the Jersey City Education Association is clearly illegal and should stop immediately. The actions of the JCEA demonstrate contempt for state statutes and a total disregard for the best interests of the children.

The JCEA should return to the negotiating table and its members should return to the classroom immediately.

These teachers, as role models, should set an example for the children of Jersey City. Unfortunately, the example being set by the JCEA today sends the absolute wrong message.