

## Governor Christie: Let's Take 100 Days To Pass A New Education Funding Formula

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### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** I proposed the fairness formula because I believe in it. I proposed it because I wanted to shine a light on the failure of the current formula. I proposed it to force the other two branches into a real conversation to fix this problem. Well, in the last few months I have finally heard the leaders of the legislature admit what I've been saying for eight years – this system is unfair and it is broken. So I'm going to make one final offer. In fact, I will make a pledge. I pledge to work with the leaders of the legislature, both sides of the aisle, to come up with a new funding formula. Everything is on the table. No idea out of bounds for discussion from any of the five of us. I am willing to work with you to solve this problem without any pre-conditions on the ideas that are brought to the table. However, here is my one requirement to offering this compromise. 100 days. You did the last one in 10. One hundred days to get this done. No phony task forces. No stupid blue ribbon commissions. No delays until next year. We get in the room starting next week and you get this done with me and we get it done for the families of this state, in the next 100 days. It only took you 10 days to pass the failed formula we've been stuck with for the last eight years. Let's take 100 days to pass one that is fair for all New Jersey students and all New Jersey families in 2017. And if we don't do it in 100 days, shame on us. Here's a little advice from a semi-successful retiring politician, you should do it before you face the voters again. We have to do it before we, and our students leave for summer vacation. I am ready if you are ready. So please understand that this offer is genuine and heartfelt. We have capped our property taxes together. We have capped public employee salary awards together. We have recovered from Hurricane Sandy together. We have reduced spending together. We have secured our Transportation Trust Fund together. We can and we must do this together. But please be assured that if we do not do this in the next 100 days together, each branch will then be left to

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its own authority and its own devices to fix this problem on its own. I want to act with you. But, if forced, I will act alone. But it will be fixed, it will be fixed before I leave this town.

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