

## Governor Walker's 'Attack on Worker Rights' Bill

**Background:** Governor Walker is in a power grab right now, and the reality is he's about to hurt really good people, their kids and families. Act now to stop his attack on the rights of Wisconsin workers.

**General Statement:**

*The people of Wisconsin did not elect Governor Walker to undermine public education – but that is exactly what his Attack on Worker Rights' proposal will do. He's about to hurt really good people, their kids and families.*

*His attacks on educators and the union that supports them will directly harm the quality of our schools and the education our children receive. Taking away the union's role in support of teachers will mean class sizes, curriculum, school funding, and teacher salaries and benefits will be dictated by state politicians without any input from educators in the classroom everyday with our students. Allowing the union to represent teachers frees teachers to do what they do best: teach.*

*Governor Walker is taking aim at the teachers union but he is in fact making a direct hit on our children and our schools. It is incredible that one of Scott Walker's first acts as governor is to abandon Wisconsin's long tradition of supporting high- quality education. Wisconsin residents need to let the governor and their legislators know that education and ensuring high-quality teachers in every classroom is a priority in Wisconsin. Stop the Walker budget repair bill. Call 1-800-362-9472 or cyberlobby at <http://www.weac.org/cyberlobby> to say **STOP THE ATTACK.***

Message Points:

- **The people of Wisconsin did not elect Governor Walker to undermine public education – but that is exactly what his Attack on Worker Rights bill will do.**
- **He is about to hurt really good people, their kids and families.**
- **This is extreme, politically motivated attack on worker rights will harm the quality of our schools and the education children receive, because educators will have no say in issues like class sizes, curriculum and other school quality issues.**
- **Stop the governor's Attack on Worker Rights bill.**





Here is some early analysis of what this law means for a teacher once their current contract expires:

- You must make pension contributions of 5.8% which translates into a \$2,900 a year pay cut for an average teacher
- Your pay increases are capped at the rate of inflation which last year was 1.5%
- You will not get any pay increases based on steps or lanes
- You can be fired for any reason without any recourse
- You can be laid off out of seniority
- Your work can be privatized through subcontracting
- Your health insurance premium costs may increase by \$1800 per year and your benefits may be cut
- Your hours of work, class assignments, and all working conditions are dictated by management without union involvement
- Your union will not have the resources to represent you without dues check-off
- Your workplace soon will be non-union because you must vote every year whether to keep a union and who would vote to keep a union that can't represent its members?

