

Governor Walker's Repair Bill Will Hurt Kids

Dear Parents of Green Bay Public School Students

As your Green Bay Public School teachers, we want to share with you our deep concerns about Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill.

This bill will have a direct impact on your children. Over the years we have continued to express our deep belief that a teachers' working conditions are your child's learning conditions.

The Green Bay Education Association (GBEA), which is our collective voice, has worked closely with the Green Bay Area Public School District over the last decade to improve professional learning and teacher evaluations because, we too, believe it is important to have a quality teacher in every classroom.

Governor Walker's repair bill does several things that will impact your child:

- ♦ By eliminating collective bargaining, teachers will no longer have a voice in regard to such matters as class size, collaborative planning time, professional learning and other important areas of our work life that make such an impact on student achievement.
- ♦ Together, as an organization, we have advocated time and again to improve the education, health and lives of the students we serve. Whether it was working with the Legislature to lower class size in at-risk schools, pass legislation on improved air quality for schools, or fighting against cuts in educational spending.

The repair bill will silence teachers' voices.

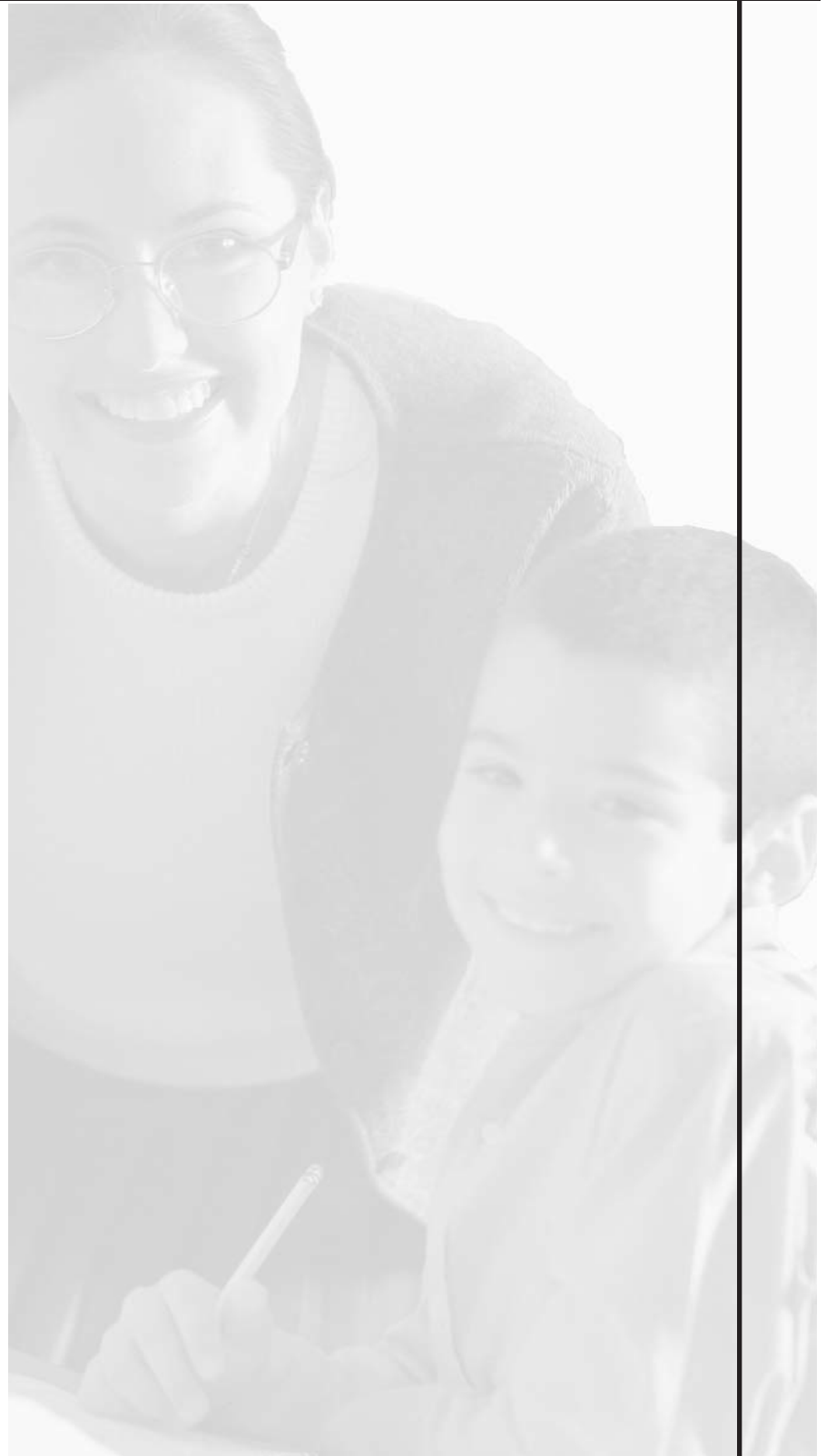
Governor Walker is not telling you the whole story. Eliminating collective bargaining rights has nothing to do with the budget deficit. The Governor's plan to eliminate collective bargaining is intended to silence the voices of teachers who speak out on important issues related to smaller class sizes, safe schools, research based curriculum, and advocate for sufficient funding and resources to make our public school systems one of the best in the nation.

However, the Governor's budget repair bill, through mandated pay reductions, removes \$7 million from our local economy and returns it to the state to help pay for a budget deficit that has existed under several governors, Republican and Democrat. Instead of staying in our schools for much needed resources, it leaves our community and impacts the small businesses and livelihoods of countless citizens in Green Bay.

Our fear is that public education as we've known it will be forever changed. Instead of a K-12 educational system that is envied by states across the country, we will have overcrowded classrooms, high teacher turnover, reduced programming, and the list goes on.

Please help us speak up to protect our basic rights, to keep the classroom teacher's voice meaningful in district decisions, and to protect our voice on the state level so we can continue to advocate on behalf of our students.

Your Green Bay Public School Teachers



Contact Governor Scott Walker and your legislators and tell them the budget repair bill will hurt kids! Call or e-mail your legislators and ask them to please vote NO.

Urgency is needed. The Legislature is posed to vote tomorrow.

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