

It's time to call the Governor at 271-2121 about "Race to the Top"

With the "Race to the Top" money being dangled in front of us, we must be very careful and watchful. This money comes with many strings attached. Sound familiar—just like NCLB!

I ask that you contact the Governor's office at 271-2121 or email him by [clicking here](#).

AFT-NH is asking that you send the following message to him about "Race to the Top" money:

Any state plan **MUST** contain the following:

- A single test should never be the sole measure of how anyone—student, teacher or other school employee —is performing;
- Resources should be committed to developing solid, reliable and transparent evaluation systems;
- Evaluation systems must be designed and developed with the local union;
- Include all stakeholders in the school or district by making sure everyone is part of the discussion and decision at every level of the process.
- That any plan is not forced upon us. It must be a voluntary program.

The most important message to send to the Governor is:

- It is very important to stress that the following language must be part of the application that the State of NH submits to the Federal Department of Education: "No part of this application or grant will replace or supersede any provisions in a collective bargaining agreement in a local school district."

Lastly, please pass along to as many coworkers as you can that one of the easiest and very important first steps to take action and get information is to sign up for the **AFT-NH "GET-ACTIVE"** program, at www.aft-nh.org. By signing up, you will receive updates to keep you informed on issues and help you to be prepared to take action when necessary. The second action step is to talk to your colleagues and encourage them to sign up. The ability of our members to take action will be critically important as we monitor education reform. Remember education reform should be, "**With** us, not **to** Us".

In Solidarity,

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