



A message from  
Wendell Steinhauer



Dear Local President,

These are very difficult times for public education and for each of us who has chosen a career in this field. It seems like every day brings another news story about our so-called "failing" public schools, the evils of tenure, or why unions are bad for public education. Welcome to the age of Corporate Education Reform in America!

There is a national movement to privatize public education. The \$650 billion spent on public schools is viewed as a business opportunity by privateers who are more focused on profits than kids. They attack us because we are in their way, but we have 200,000 members, and we are fighting back.

NJEA members are not going to just sit back and lament this situation. Instead, we must rise up, organize, and do something about it. Our Association gets its strength from members like you.

Thank you for attending this year's Fall Focus meeting. Together we will continue to fight for our students, our profession, our public schools, and our union.

Sincerely,

*Wendell Steinhauer*

NJEA President

**Union County's  
Fall Focus**

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

The Westwood  
438 North Avenue  
Garwood, NJ 07027

Registration & hors d'oeuvres  
Program followed by dinner

4 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.

**Please remember to return your registration  
card no later than September 16.**