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21-Feb-1996 01:42pm

TO: Jennifer M. O'Connor
FROM: Lorraine McHugh
Office of the Press Secretary
SUBJECT: nj education association

I think the NJ Education Association request was rejected at a scheduling meeting. The suggestion was that Riley do it. Is it being revisited?

From a press standpoint, it doesn't get us much and it airs on times when no one is really watching. However, that doesn't mean that it doesn't need to be done for your labor politics. If that's the case, let me know. AND you should also let either Doug or Karen know because they also go to these meetings.

many thanks

Ask Eric/Amarela
if this matters to NJ
politics

any progress?

Eric working

will down on
next NS trip

March
If in NT - official event
is Eric Jones
thought on this.
He is checking w/
people to see if they
are still happy
I hear

E-mailed Sen + Eric
on 2/23

Ask 62872
Ann McGuire
(Cabinet Affairs)
if anyone
attended this

11/3/96

- SENT ANN AN E-MAIL
MSG ASKING IF ANYONE
ATTENDED. 1:15pm.

• NO ONE ATTENDED
ACC TO ANN

Work on

Eve getting
back to me10/24
To Jen
O'Connor

TO: HAROLD ICKES, JANICE ENRIGHT, JENNIFER O'Connor
FROM: PAT PARISI, REGION II, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SUBJECT: NEW JERSEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 1995

This memorandum is to update you on an issue of great concern in New Jersey. I have included all relevant communications. The essential issue is this: in April (see c c mail 5/15) of this year Regan Burke, Scheduling Director, accepted an invitation for Secretary Riley to speak at the annual New Jersey Education convention. On October 12, last week, Ms. Burke withdrew the acceptance. Her c c mail said essentially that Secretary Riley had a more important engagement. I asked her to arrange some compensatory action. She has not responded to my request. You can imagine the cost and effort NJEA has already spent on programs, invitations, and other arrangements. This could prove a great embarrassment to our loyal supporters.

What needs to be made clear and understood by all is that NJEA is key to our Administration's success in New Jersey. We need to work closely and well with this constituency throughout 1996. On the day Ms. Burke canceled Secretary Riley's address NJEA President Dennis Testa got two major education stories in "The Record" and "The New York Times" (see attached). You should know that during the NJEA convention all New Jersey public schools close. More than 40,000 educators attend, they say it is the largest gathering of educators in the world. It is one of the most significant unions in New Jersey. Hulbert James agrees that they are powerful and important to all our future efforts.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding; whom Secretary Riley would address and how large the group would be. NJEA has agreed to change the format to give the Secretary the largest audience and most coverage (see an attached letter). I strongly urge that the Secretary give the keynote address, as originally agreed. The Administration can only benefit from having a high positive profile with this supportive association.

I understand that Wilson Goode of our department will discuss this issue tomorrow (10-18) with Education chief of staff Frank Holleman. Ms. Burke is not in the office this week. Mr. Goode agrees that we should work with NJEA and come to a constructive conclusion. I do not know whether you can or should influence the outcome here, but I thought you should know what was happening in Region II.

Finally, our telephones are down, if you care to respond to this memo or let me know you received it please contact me at my Internet address: Patricia_Parisi @ed.gov.

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[2] From: Regan Burke at WDCB02 5/15/95 11:30AM (1830 bytes: 1 ln)
To: pat parisi at EDPO
cc: Patrick Steel at WDCB01, Jennifer Davis
Subject: Re: Secretary Riley invitation

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I believe I received this from them, and not sure how I responded (I'll look it up and send it to you), but it's a good idea to do it so you should tel them that the Secretary is planning to attend unless the pressures of Congressional activity keep him in Washington. Regan

Hi Regan,

New Jersey Education Association would like to invite the Secretary to be the keynote speaker at their annual convention, November 8, 1995.

The convention of New Jersey Teachers is always in Atlantic City. It is the largest convention of its type, with over 150,000 participants. NJEA is also the most active union organization in New Jersey. They are strong opponents of private school vouchers.

Dennis Testa, is the president of NJEA he is very supportive of this Administration's education agenda.

I think November 1995 would be a great year for the Secretary to build bridges to this important, active, education stakeholder group. NJEA will be a good allie to us in the next few years as we face so many challenges to education reform.

Let me know how to proceed. Maria has already agreed to speak to the group. It would be a coup if the Secretary can come.

[6] From: Regan Burke at WDCB02 (10/11/95) 3:51PM (2216 bytes: 1 ln)
To: Patricia Parisi at NEWA01
cc: Mikel Morton at WDCB01, Kerri Morgan at WDCB01, Shawnrick Polk
Subject: Re: NJEA

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Pat -- The best time for the Secretary to speak is 3:00. What
TIME do they want the Secretary to speak and what time is Kennedy
speaking? It's useless for the Secretary to do a press
conference with Kennedy, so Kennedy can do one by himself and the
Secretary will speak only. When do they want to do the tv
interview?

Regan,

From the region I cannot overstate how important NJEA is to
our education reform efforts. I mentioned to you in the
spring that NJEA is the largest most important association
in the state. They have had great effect in stopping the
private school voucher movement in NJ. We must be very
careful not to disappoint or anger those who have been
supportive of our work, especially if we hope to work with
them in the future.

On the lighter side remember what Kathrine Hepburn said
about Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers: "He gave her class and
she gave him sex ." Secretary Riely will give RFK Jr.
class, should they do a joint press conference.

One final note in New Jersey, Environmental concerns are
of great importance. NJ has more "Superfund sites" than any
other state in the country. Our administration is seen as
on the right side of this issue. The issue is also closely
linked in peoples mind with students and education. I think
we benefit by forging stronger links on the issues of
environment and education.

I understand that Wilson Goode is going to speak with you
about our concerns. If you need more information
please call me. My direct phone # is 212-637-6284.

[2] From: Regan Burke at WDCB02 10/12/95 3:24PM (919 bytes: 1 ln)
Priority: Urgent
To: Patricia Parisi at NEWA01, Wilson Goode at WDCE03
Receipt Requested
cc: Mikel Morton at WDCB01, Frank Holleman at WDCB01, Kerri Morgan at WDCB01
Subject: new Jersey

----- Message Contents -----

The White House is having a Cabinet-wide anti-tecnage-smoking events day on Nov. 9 in which Sec. Riley is a vital player. I thought we could visit a school in Atlantic City for this, but schools are closed in NJ so the teachers can all go to Atlantic City for the teachers convention.

So, Secretary Riley will NOT be able to go to NJ. I trust Wilson will be able to fill in for him. I have not contacted them. Pat -- will you please do this ASAP?

[3] From: Patricia Parisi at NEWA01 10/12/95 6:16PM (819 bytes: 13 ln)
To: Regan Burke at WDCR02
Subject: Re: new Jersey

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Oh Boy,

This is going to be a big disappointment to NJEA.
Wilson is great but perhaps we can get someone from
Washington as well: Kunin, Trish McNeil, Robbins (OERI)?
Could someone come on Nov 10, the convention goes on till
11/11.

Do you think we could get nice letters from President
Clinton & Secretary Riley?
I will contact NJEA tomorrow but I hope you can give me some
compensatory help here.

In 1992 I scheduled for Clinton/Gore in NJ for the general
campaign. I know how hard your job is.
Pat P

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October 17, 1995

To: W. Wilson Goode
Pat Parisi
Fr: Karen Joseph

As you know, a number of phone conversations were held last week regarding Education Secretary Richard Riley's appearance at the 141st annual NJEA Convention in Atlantic City on Nov. 9th.

We recognize your concern regarding the number of NJEA members who might have an opportunity to hear the Secretary's address, and we have arranged the following changes to give him the broadest possible exposure to our membership, and the New York and Philadelphia media.

We would like to invite the Secretary to be our keynote speaker during our General Session at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, held in the 3,000-seat Ballroom of Convention Hall. Our convention is structured so that no other events are scheduled for that time period.

Following the General Session (1:00 p.m.), we would like to escort the Secretary to a buffet luncheon at Ivana's Restaurant (Trump Plaza Hotel directly next to Convention Hall) so that he might get "a bite to eat" and personally meet some of the winners of the \$1 million NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education grant winners.

We would then escort the Secretary to the NJEA Vocational Showcase area on the Convention Hall floor. The special programs included in this showcase are held throughout the day and will give the Secretary the opportunity to see vocational education at its best!

We will then hold a news conference for Secretary Riley to which we feel certain we will attract media from New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. All of these events can certainly be concluded by 3:00 p.m.

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I'd like to point out that the NJEA Convention is the largest gathering of educators anywhere in the world, attracting nearly 40,000 school employees from across the state. While the Secretary is moving from the luncheon to the vocational showcase and then to his news conference, thousands of NJEA members will have an opportunity to see him.

As you know, NJEA has a membership of 150,000 school employees across the state. We have already sent out that many Convention Promotion booklets announcing his attendance.

On Friday, Oct. 20 we will be mailing our monthly newspaper to 150,000 members and news media outlets. We would very much like to give the Secretary a "front page" announcement as our keynote speaker at the General Session.

Certainly, Mr. Goode, we would like you to take the Secretary's place in our Critical Issues session sponsored by our NJEA Vocational Education Committee. Should you desire, your remarks could be centered upon the serious need for vocational education in our schools and advancements in the School-to-Work programs that the Clinton Administration has successfully introduced.

have been authorized to remove the body.

1-287 Ahead of Schedule

MORRISTOWN Drivers who have been fuming since spring because of construction on a five-mile stretch of Interstate 287 northbound in Morris County will get relief in December. A road-widening project from Maple Avenue in Bernards Township to South Street in Morristown will be completed six months ahead of schedule, State Senator Gordon MacInnes, Democrat of Morris Township, said yesterday.

At peak periods, as many as 4,400 cars an hour travel that strip, a state official said.

Arrest in Fatal Passaic Holdup

HACKENSACK Last week's robbery of a Passaic grocery store, which resulted in the fatal shooting of a 16-year-old assailant, may have been the last of a series of North Jersey holdups committed by the same group of young people, prosecutors said yesterday.

William Navarro, 23, of New York City has been charged with the Sept. 16 robbery of a Garfield luncheonette during which the owner, John Cahayla, died of a stroke or heart attack, said Charles R. Buckley, the acting Bergen County prosecutor.

Steven Inocencio, who was killed when he tried to rob the Passaic grocer, George DeJesus, was also involved in the Garfield robbery, and his accomplices in that holdup may have made three unsuccessful robbery attempts in Garfield that same day, Mr. Buckley said.

Counting Cost of G.O.P. Plan

WASHINGTON New Jersey would lose \$525 million in education funds over the next seven years under House Republicans' plan to balance the Federal budget by the year 2002, Dennis Testa, head of the New Jersey Education Association, said yesterday. "I don't know how the state is going to make up that money," the A.P. quoted him as saying. **TERRY PRISTIN**

OTHER NEW JERSEY NEWS

- Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange delayed its vote on a plan to move to Jersey City. [B5]

from crystal tumblers as the three hostesses at their table fawn over them, searching for unlighted cigarettes and half-filled glasses. For two hours, the two business executives talk, chat with the hostesses and play bar games.

For all this, the two will pay a \$250 tab before sauntering off to the Club Stella a block away. By the end of the night, they will spend several hundred more dollars. The peanuts are free.

"It's very relaxing," said Mr. Asami, a jovial, gray-haired printing broker in Manhattan who goes out clubbing with clients twice a week. "This is traditional Japanese-style business."

men with expense accounts. But over the last two decades, driven by the influx of Japanese executives to America, these exclusive kurabu, as they are known in Japanese, have been transported — stale peanuts and all — to a quiet stretch of midtown, just west of the United Nations. Several dozen are scattered over roughly 16 square blocks.

The migration has been so discreet that many people who live nearby have no idea the clubs exist. Usually, the only marker is a tiny plaque, purposely small to keep passers-by, no matter how well heeled, from inadvertently stumbling into this world.

flirting with hostesses that harks to the days of the geisha.

But in their migration to the W clubs also have changed in subtle as the geisha traditions of female ice clash with the sensibilities of urbanized hostesses.

"It's good money, it's flexible and short hours, but a lot of women get giddy doing this," said Etsuko Kizawa, hostess at Club Ohogi, who said she paid about \$100 an evening for about five hours' work.

She came to the United States years ago to flee the oppression of her society. "I was searching for paradise in New York," she said,

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At Club Ohogi, a night spot for Japanese executives, Fumio Yoshida enjoyed ritual flirtation from Reiko Shiratori, left, and Etsuko Kizawa.



Frances Robert for The NY Times

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"The beef is he doesn't like the way The Reporter reports on the different issues," Jaspian said. "It is critical of him."

Jaspian lost to Bollwage in the 1992 Democratic mayoral primary, as did then-Mayor Thomas Dunn, who is also affiliated with The Elizabeth Reporter.

In his statement, Bollwage said The Elizabeth Reporter is "nothing more than a camouflage for political candidates and officeholders and serves as their political mouthpiece."

The animosity between The Elizabeth Reporter and the administration stems directly from political activity, staffers at

formed after Bollwage and some council members approved pay raises, is closely aligned with The Elizabeth Reporter.

"Everyone knows this is going to have a viewpoint, but we do painstakingly try to obtain facts," said Craig Exelbirt, a writer for the weekly who is also executive director of We the People and an insurance broker.

The group sponsored an unsuccessful referendum to bring non-partisan elections to Elizabeth. That angered the mayor, and spurred his political sponsor, state Sen. Raymond Lesniak — then Democratic state chairman — to work against the proposal, Arena said. Arena added

"He feels that we are sympathetic to them because we took up their cause," said Arena, who maintained The Elizabeth Reporter is not an organ for the group. He was a Daily Journal columnist and said he had been friends with the mayor for a decade before helping start The Elizabeth Reporter.

Arena and Exelbirt said they are willing to publish comment from the mayor and others, but have not received responses.

"He has been invited to submit whatever his feelings are, but he merely refers to us a rag," Arena said. "Apparently they are upset that we are printing what we can substantiate what the administration is doing, no-bid contracts and the like."

Bollwage tore up or removed copies weekly, including taking a bundle the library Jan. 5 and putting the paper in a trash can. A desk clerk retrieved them, Arena said.

Bollwage had his chauffeur retrieve copies on Sept. 12, 1994, from a custody, and directed a custodian to copies from the City Hall coffee shop Dec. 16, according to the lawsuit.

The Elizabeth Reporter distributes about 7,000 to 10,000 copies a week which 400 are paid subscriptions, Jaspian said. The newspaper costs 25 cents, merchants who display the paper keep the quarter or give the paper away he said.

Teachers give GOP cuts an F

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Proposed federal education cuts will not spare New Jersey's suburbs or its poorest cities, the head of the New Jersey Education Association warned Wednesday.

According to White House estimates, New Jersey would lose \$525 million over the next seven years in education funds, under House Republicans' plan to balance the budget by the year 2002. The cuts affect students from preschool to college.

"I don't know how the state is going to make up that money," said NJEA President Dennis Testa, a Bergenfield teacher.

"Given past practices, I suspect suburban districts will pay for that," Testa said, referring to shortfalls in funding for urban districts. "These cuts are deep enough and broad enough that they will affect all but the most affluent."

Testa said the number of New Jersey schoolchildren is expected to grow annually by 4 to 5 percent over the next several years, leaving educators more students but less money.

Among the cuts in New Jersey through the year 2002 described by Testa are \$150.2 million for vocational education, \$78.4 million for anti-drug and anti-crime

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Dennis Testa
New Jersey Education Association president

programs in schools, and \$77.3 million to improve basic skills for poor students.

Also, an estimated 6,400 New Jersey college students would lose their Pell grants next year, and the cost of college education would rise by up to \$2,100 for 83,000 New Jersey undergraduates and \$9,400 for 11,900 graduate students.

Testa said each program's cut of 60 percent to 70 percent is the same as eliminating it.

Republicans say their plan to balance the budget is long overdue and that cuts are needed to ensure the fiscal health of future generations.

And GOP leaders counter that they are trying to spread around the sacrifice, while their opponents are trying to scare voters.

Those arguments carry little weight with education officials, who say their portion equals only 2 percent of the budget and that "corporate welfare" has escaped scrutiny.

"Our point is education already is a small part of the budget," said National Education Association lobbyist Joel Packard. "These programs are underfunded as is."

Testa said the outlook appears grim in Congress, but that education officials hope to temper the reductions in the more centrist Senate.

"I suspect we're going to face some of these cuts," Testa said. "We're hoping to moderate them."

"Obviously the schools will survive," Testa said. "I'm not so sure some of the youngsters won't be the victims."

Coffee exchange may decide today on move to N.J.

The Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange will decide today whether to stay in New York City or move to Jersey City.

The 113-year-old exchange's board of directors will continue a meeting begun Wednesday to decide whether to relocate its operations and 2,000 employees from Manhattan.

On Tuesday, another exchange — the New York Cotton Exchange — approved a move to Jersey City. But officials say it makes no economic sense for that bourse to relocate alone.

A bidding war for the two exchanges has erupted. On Wednesday, New York City and New York State increased to \$90.9 million a tax and cash offer to the bourses — surpassing the value of New Jersey's package by the equivalent of \$2 million, said Caroline Quarataro of the New York State Urban Development Corp.

New Jersey officials declined to comment on their current offer.

— ANNE E. TERGESEN

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