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## General Assembly Halts Dues Deduction for NCRSP/NCAE



NCAE Sheri Strickland at microphone; to her left Vice President Rodney Ellis -- Others include staff, active and retired members

### EXCERPTS FROM NCAE NEWS MEDIA ARTICLES

#### Press Conference - NCAE President Sheri Strickland – January 5, 2012

“At 1:12 a.m. this morning, the General Assembly voted to eliminate NCAE’s ability to collect dues through payroll deduction... The Association believes the passage of this legislation – an override of Governor Perdue’s veto -- to be a retaliatory action against NCAE for standing up for public school students and educators.... Our message back to them is we will not be intimidated, we will not be silenced, and we will not back down. NCAE will stand up to the clear attempt to silence the many thousands of educators across the state. No other organization has been affected by this legislation. ... And we believe the legislature has acted unconstitutionally.... and we will continue to stand up against efforts to bully us into submission. Our children are too important to give up the fight.... Anyone who cares about

public education in North Carolina should feel incensed at today’s action in the Legislature. “

#### NCAE Wins Restraining Order, Pursues Legal Challenge to Dues Deduction Bill NCAE Media Update – January 11, 2012

NCAE won a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Monday, January 9, 2012, that allows payroll deduction of NCAE dues to continue for members. The TRO is in place for at least the next 10 days as NCAE files for an injunction that will retain members’ ability to pay their Association dues via paycheck deduction while the courts hear the NCAE constitutional challenge to the payroll elimination legislation.

#### General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division --- January 18, 2012

The Temporary Restraining Order issued on January 9, 2012 was extended to March 12, 2012 or a date thereafter amenable to the parties for a hearing on NCAE’s motion for a Preliminary Injunction.

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## RETIREES, UNITE!

Remember that the actions of the General Assembly to eliminate Dues Deduction affect **retirees** (NCRSP) as well as NCAE **active members**. The pending legal actions also affect NCRSP. Due to several unknowns regarding court decisions and possible legislative action in the future, NCAE and NCRSP are actively and immediately pursuing ways to move members to alternative ways of paying their dues, such as bank draft. We may not need to be on bank draft now, but we should be ready to put it in place immediately if necessary! Let’s unite and show that we will not be silenced and only become a stronger organization regardless of the actions of the legislature! The way we can do that is to transfer our current dues deduction members to bank draft. Please refer to Executive Director’s article, ‘Retirees are “Flipping” for NEW BANK DRAFT – Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on page 11.