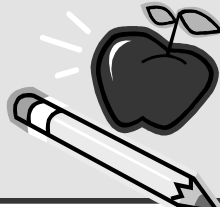


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Were You There?

Over 1,000 NCAE members from across the state rallied in Raleigh on Saturday, May 18, 2009 to protest the Governor's ½% cut of their pay and potential additional cuts in the state's education budget as the legislature continues its work on the budget bill.

Following speeches by NCAE elected leaders everyone got in their cars and participated in a motorcade that wound through downtown Raleigh and past both the Legislature and the Governor's Residence.



Nearly 50 school districts were represented in the crowd of rally participants who came to protest the impending pay cuts to educators' salaries and to ask elected leaders to support funding for public schools.

"We are pleased and gratified to see the turnout of people who wanted to show support for educators and public schools," said NCAE President Sheri Strickland. "They understand how important it is to hold firm on funding for education, even in tough economic times.

Everyone here today has sent a clear message to the governor and the Legislature: Cuts in education funding won't cut it. Find other ways to reduce spending, rather than balancing the budget on the backs of teachers, school personnel, and ultimately, students."

The event featured a "pay cut payback presentation," where Strickland held up a 5 foot check for 35 million dollars, the total amount educators as a group will have cut from their May 29 paychecks.

