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## **NEA NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPPORTS GOVERNOR'S APPROACH**

CONCORD, NH, July 27, 2015– NEA-New Hampshire supports Governor Hassan's fiscally responsible path towards a compromise budget, and her hope that this plan will spur negotiations with lawmakers. The Legislature's unbalanced budget was not good for the students in our public schools or for the taxpayers who fund them, and the Governor did the right this by vetoing it.

"We believe the Governor's approach ensures that in the future we will not have to make significant cuts to critical priorities, including investing in higher education, substance abuse prevention, health care, and transportation infrastructure," said Scott McGilvray, NEA-New Hampshire President.

There are many proven ways to improve our economy and create jobs immediately. Fixing our roads and bridges now will create jobs. Increasing aid to schools and to municipalities will create jobs. Homebuyers consistently list finding homes in neighborhoods with good schools as a top priority. Any prudent business leader will tell you an educated workforce and a reliable infrastructure matter as much or more than tax breaks when determining where to locate new businesses or expand existing ones.

"New Hampshire families deserve more than political and ideological posturing that leaves the state in fiscal limbo and ignores the struggles of working families."

"Increasingly, Granite Staters have expressed a desire for their political leaders to compromise, rather than stubbornly stick to their political agendas at the cost of getting nothing done. The Governor's proposal provides just such an opportunity that we hope is not lost on the General Court this summer," continued McGilvray.

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