



NJASA Government Relations Meeting Highlights from September 20, 2023 *held via Zoom*

Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt joined the meeting and took questions and listened to member comments. Much of the meeting was spent discussing staff shortages and some ideas were thrown out to her. She emphasized the importance of continued advocacy with leadership regarding teacher shortages.

In addition, in the Spring Assemblywoman Lampitt introduced a [12-package group of legislation](#) to deal with this that was based largely on [NJASA's Teacher Recruitment and Retention Report](#). About half of those bills passed. Some reached the Governor's desk and were signed, and some are awaiting Senate action. We ran out of time in June so that's why they didn't get final passage in the Senate. It is expected that they will be taken up in Lam Duck - which runs from November 8 to January 8.

We also threw out an idea that has to do with pensions and people who return after the 2-year mark - where they would be thrown in Tier 5 no matter where they left. We are putting together language to allow for a return to where you left provided that you were vested when you left. More details on this as we flesh out the language.

The Joint Committee on Public Schools will meet on October 5. The [NJASA School Safety and Security Report](#) will be presented and discussed.

The Committee will NOT meet at Workshop. The next meeting will be November 22, 2023 - 10am (via Zoom.) The meeting link will be emailed as we move closer to the date.