

NCATA LEGISLATIVE ALERT

URGENT!

April 27, 2011

Dear Teacher Assistants,

It is urgent that you contact the following Appropriation Committee Chairs listed in the table below **as soon as possible!** The budget news is grim for teacher assistants and thus, grim for our students! Tell these legislators that cutting almost 9,000 teacher assistants is going to have a very negative impact on our students' education, now and in the future!

Teacher assistants are the backbones of our North Carolina public schools. We put our hearts into helping to educate our students and now, NOW when we are finally being recognized as valuable members of the educational team, we are being told we don't make a difference! **We do make a difference!** Ask them who is going to do ALL the work of the teacher assistants who will be cut? We KNOW what we do – tell them and then ask them (in a respectful tone), whom do they expect to fill the void left when we are gone?

Contact them now! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Melinda

Melinda K. Zarate
NCATA Legislative Chair

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