

# Dem Governors Association: Scott Walker's Career of Failing to Appreciate Teachers

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As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day, Wisconsin voters are reminded of Governor Scott Walker's long record of attacking teachers, cutting school funding, and hurting education and kids in the Badger State.

- Governor Walker slashed school funding by \$800 million and led attacks on teachers that cut their pay, despite his record giveaways to special interests.
- Walker also slashed thousands of education jobs across the state, overburdening the teachers who remain with larger student-to-teacher ratios.
- As many as 1 in 10 teachers are leaving the profession altogether each year since Governor Walker took office, leading not only to shortages, but to a less experienced workforce in Wisconsin's schools.

And Wisconsin families know this: a [poll](#) late last year found that nearly half of Wisconsin voters think the state's public schools have gotten worse during his time in office.

**“Teachers deserve respect and appreciation, not just today but year-round, yet Governor Scott Walker has actually worked to make life harder for Wisconsin's educators during his time in office,”** said DGA Press Secretary Melissa Miller. **“Wisconsin needs a Democratic governor to fight for teachers, their students, and improvements to the state's public schools, not one who puts education on the chopping block to serve national**

**political special interests.”**