



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

September 27, 2019

**Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 226**

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on September 27, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 226, relative to the renomination of teachers.

New Hampshire is fortunate to have thousands of talented and dedicated teachers working to provide our students with excellent educations. Like all of us, teachers must be accountable to school officials, and ultimately to parents.

HB 226 reverses the groundbreaking teacher tenure reforms passed by the Legislature eight years ago. These reforms gave young teachers time to learn on the job before local districts had to make a long-term decision to keep them. This increased the ability of local school boards to replace low-performing teachers with better ones.

HB 226 would not only undo these reforms, but effectively create tenure protection after just two years on the job. This is simply not enough time for local officials to know if new teachers are the right fit for their schools.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 226.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor