

September 21, 2011

Dear CWA Local 1031 Members:

Yesterday the Governor announced his intentions to merge Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, the Cancer Institute and the School of Public Health with Rutgers University. This is based on an interim report by the UMDNJ Advisory Committee. The UMDNJ Board of Trustees responded to this by sending out a communication stating they will "take time to reflect on the recommendations and develop a response to the Advisory Committee." The Advisory Committee has provided an interim report, with a final report due out at the end of 2011.

CWA Local 1031 is reviewing the interim report, speaking with the legislators who will have to pass legislation for any changes to take place, and returning to the bargaining table tomorrow to try and protect your rights.

There are so many unanswered questions about the costs of the recommendations, the status of UMDNJ, the time frame for any changes, etc. It is our understanding that the UMDNJ Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The location of this hearing has yet to be announced.

We want you to know we will be fighting to protect your job and will continue to provide you with information as it becomes available.

With Pride and In Solidarity,

John E. Rose, President

Kathleen Hernandez, EVP

John Polk, Secretary/Treasurer