



9 Million Reasons To Speak Up

Message to Our Legislators

Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed 2010-11 budget calls for cutting education by at least *another* \$2.4 billion and decimate children's healthcare and family services. PTA strongly opposes this proposal. The time is *now* for the Governor and Legislature to put children first.

There are 9 million AND FIVE reasons why we must speak up for children.

1. California's more than 9 million children are our future. It is our duty to protect their well-being and invest in their education.
2. In the past two years, the state has cut \$17 billion from schools, and deep cuts to social services have added to the burden borne by the children and families most in need of help.
3. Investing in children benefits *all* California taxpayers.
4. The majority of Californians *support new revenues* to protect our schools from further cuts. It's time to listen to the majority of Californians. It's time to allow the Legislature to adopt a state budget with a majority vote, and to allow the public to adopt local school funding measures with a majority vote.
5. The time is *NOW*. Our children do not have the luxury of waiting without devastating consequences.

As our state representatives, we are calling on you to

- **Provide additional stable revenues in the 2010-11 state budget to invest in children and in California's future.**
- **Reduce the voting margin for passage of both the California state budget and revenue measures in the Legislature from the current two-thirds to a 55-percent vote or a simple majority.**
- **Support SCA 6 (Simitian) to reduce the threshold for local school parcel taxes from the current two-thirds to a 55 percent majority.**

Speak up for children.

(How many more reasons do you need?)

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