

# Will C. Wood Budget Presentation

**Monday, March 3rd**

# Who is the Education Coalition?

- Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)
- California Association of School Business Officers (CASBO)
- California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)
- California Federation of Teachers (CFT-AFL-CIO)
- California School Boards Association (CSBA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- California State PTA
- California Teachers Association (CTA)
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Legislative Consultant, Birdsall & Associates

# Education Coalition

## **Education Coalition Calls on Governor to Halt Devastating Proposed Cuts to California's Schools**

In Sacramento on Friday, January 18, 2008, the Education Coalition detailed the devastating impact of Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget to California's students and schools, showing how a \$4.8 billion budget cut severely damages the quality of education in our state.

# What Does a \$4.8 Billion Cut to California Public Schools Look Like?

- Shutting down every school across the state for nearly one month
- Laying off more than 107,000 teachers
- Increasing class sizes statewide by as much as 35%
- Reducing per-student spending by more than \$800

# What Does a \$4.8 Billion Cut to Public Schools Look Like (Cont.)?

- Laying off over 137,000 bus drivers, janitors, food service workers, maintenance workers, and other education support professionals
- Cutting more than \$24,000 per classroom
- Cutting \$7.76 million per school district
- Eliminating all music, art and career technical education programs statewide with room to cut even more

# \$4.8 Billion for Education is equivalent to:

\$800 per student

\$24,000 per classroom

\$7.6 million per school district (assuming 10,000 enrollment)

# Proposition 98 is not the problem

- Comparison of State General Fund Increases to Increases in Proposition 98 Guarantee (Dollars in Billions)

	2003-04	2008-09	Increase
General Fund Revenues	\$73.40	\$102.90	40.20%
Proposition 98	\$45.70	\$59.60	30.40%
Prop. 98 (Proposed Suspension)	\$45.70	\$55.60	21.70%

# Per Pupil Expenditures (PPE)

Adjusted for regional cost differences (2005) Rank

## Proposed rank would put us last in 2008

District of Columbia \$12,429	New Hampshire \$9,323 17	South Carolina \$8,339 33
New Jersey \$12,252 1	Michigan \$9,197 18	Missouri \$8,276 34
New York \$12,218 2	North Dakota \$9,181 19	Kentucky \$7,978 35
Vermont \$12,105 3	Virginia \$9,169 20	Colorado \$7,939 36
Wyoming \$11,126 4	Iowa \$9,026 21	Alabama \$7,924 37
Delaware \$10,661 5	Hawaii \$9,022 ( <i>omitted</i> )	Texas \$7,687 38
Connecticut \$10,652 6	<b>National Average \$8,973</b>	Florida \$7,539 39
Rhode Island \$10,581 7	Montana \$8,951 22	North Carolina \$7,525 40
Maine \$10,539 8	Minnesota \$8,891 23	Mississippi \$7,513 41
Wisconsin \$10,199 9	Kansas \$8,862 24	Tennessee \$7,506 42
West Virginia \$10,073 10	Arkansas \$8,790 25	Washington \$7,432 43
Pennsylvania \$9,985 11	South Dakota \$8,736 26	Oklahoma \$7,331 44
Massachusetts \$9,930 12	Georgia \$8,658 27	Nevada \$7,141 45
Nebraska \$9,930 13	Illinois \$8,621 28	<b>California \$7,081 46</b>
Maryland \$9,829 14	Louisiana \$8,582 29	Idaho \$6,867 47
Indiana \$9,542 15	Alaska \$8,562 30	Arizona \$6,232 48
Ohio \$9,441 16	New Mexico \$8,431 31	Utah \$5,463 49
	Oregon \$8,353 32	

# California Losing Ground in Per Pupil Spending

- California ranks 46<sup>th</sup>, down from 43<sup>rd</sup> in just two years
- California is nearly \$2,000 below the national average

# Email your legislator

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- Noreen Evans  
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a08/>
- Arnold Schwarzenegger  
<http://gov.ca.gov/interact>

# Sample Letters/Press Release

## Top 10 Things YOU Can Do NOW to Protect Students and Prop. 98



- Educate your staff and school community on the details of the budget cuts and what cuts would mean to your district and the state as whole. You should also educate your staff and your school community on ACSA's position and messaging.
- Contact local education reporters and editorial boards at local newspapers to educate them about potential budget cuts.
- Write and submit a letter to your local newspaper(s). Sample attached.
- Encourage your local school board to adopt a resolution in opposition to the Governor's budget proposal and plans to eviscerate Proposition 98. Sample attached.
- Contact your state senator and assemblymember and ask them to oppose education funding cuts and to protect Prop. 98. Give them specific examples of how the budget proposal will affect their local districts.
- Call or email your local elected officials and ask them to help spread the message (contacting state officials, speaking out, etc). Arrange a meeting if necessary and follow up with a phone call.
- Encourage parents to write and call the Governor and other elected officials to protect school funding and Prop. 98. Sample attached.
- Lead a local Education Coalition news conference urging lawmakers to reject cuts to education funding and to protect Prop. 98. Sample attached.
- Speak to your local clubs or community organizations and ask for their support in voicing concern about the budget cuts.
- Contact ACSA's Julie White at [jwhite@acsa.org](mailto:jwhite@acsa.org) for more information about ACSA's outreach activities and planned Education Coalition media opportunities.