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**NOT YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL PTA BAKE SALE:  
CUPCAKES COST \$1 BILLION EACH**

**SACRAMENTO, CA-** PTA parents from throughout the Sacramento region held a bake sale at the state capitol today— but it wasn't your run-of-the-mill sale. Cupcakes cost a cool \$1 billion each, with sprinkles running an extra \$100 million.

The bake sale was to let legislators know that PTAs cannot shoulder the proposed cuts to education and other children's programs on their own.

"These are really tasty cupcakes, but the reality is other sources of revenue simply must be found to properly support our children," said Peggy Parker, President, Third District PTA; which includes Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties.

"This proposed budget makes drastic cuts to programs that help children. Our legislators need to work together to ensure there is adequate revenue in the budget so that children are not shortchanged. We urge legislators and the governor to be both responsible and creative," Parker continued. "We've seen bad budgets for children before but this one takes the cake. Children did not create this budget deficit and their future must not be undermined because of it. Third District PTA decided to hold this bake sale to demonstrate just how ridiculous cutting billions from the education budget would be."

The Governor's proposed budget makes across-the-board cuts to many vital programs that contribute to student achievement and engagement, such as class size reduction, arts and music, instructional materials and career technical programs.

"Education cuts never heal. Schools no longer have full time nurses on site. They no longer have full time librarians. Parents are asked to send boxes of tissue to class because the school's allotment is gone. Any PTA officer can tell you how their PTA is being asked to fill in the gaps," said Kelly O'Hagan, Membership Chairman, Third District PTA. "No amount of bake sales, gift wrap sales or fundraising drives can make up for these cuts that will hurt our local communities."

*The PTA is the nation's oldest, largest and highest profile volunteer organization working on behalf of public schools, children and families, with the motto "Every child, one voice." PTA volunteers work in their schools and communities to improve the education, health and welfare of all children and youth. The PTA also advocates at national, state and local levels for education and family issues. The PTA is non-profit, non-sectarian and non-commercial.*

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