

## **Facts about the latest California budget proposals**

- The Governor's latest budget proposal calls for cutting almost \$11 billion from education over the next 18 months.
- That cut would come on top of \$3.2 billion that has already been cut in the state budget passed in September 2008.
- The Governor's proposal also includes manipulations to Proposition 98 that would reduce the minimum funding guarantee to schools in all future years by \$7 billion to \$9 billion.
- California is already ranked 47th – almost at the bottom – among all states when it comes to spending on students. With this, we'd be likely to wind up in last place.
- Cuts to education have already led to larger class sizes, more than 10,000 layoffs of teachers and other support staff, and the elimination of educational programs.
- More cuts would mean larger classes, and less access to quality programs, arts education, counseling, school libraries and much more.
- A balanced approach to the state budget is needed, with sufficient revenues to prevent such devastating cuts.

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