



Please help qualify the Local Control of Local Classrooms Act for the November 2010 ballot. This initiative will make it easier for school districts to raise money with local parcel taxes by lower the passage rate from two-thirds to 55 percent. Almost 1 million signatures are needed by April so your help is needed now. The California State PTA is supporting this measure and is urging all members to sign the petition and help gather signatures from family and friends. Just follow these simple instructions.

1. Go to <http://www.improveschoolfunding.com>
2. Click the Sign Petition button. It's located in the upper right-hand corner of every page.
3. Pick a package for the number of signatures you want to submit. This is so people who want to collect multiple signatures can get the right form.
4. Read the instructions. Check the box at the bottom of the page which says you have read and understood the instructions.
5. Click the "Click here to download the signature package as a pdf" link that appears.

That's it. After doing this you will have a pdf of whatever signature package you select, which you can print, fill out and mail back to the campaign, which will take it from there.

You can sign as an individual or you can sign and collect other signatures as well. **Signed petitions must be returned to the campaign by March 31, 2010.**

There's no need to wait. As per our policies, unit, council and district PTAs need not vote to affirm a California State PTA position in order to take action. Signatures may be collected at PTA meetings, including those held on school grounds, as long as you have secured permission from the school district to use the facilities and provided that district funds are not otherwise used to support the signature gathering. You should not collect signatures on school grounds in any way other than in this manner.

If each of our 4,000 local PTA units committed to gathering 250 signatures from registered voters, the act could be on the ballot this November. That's only 10 volunteers per PTA collecting just 25 signatures each!

If you have any questions, you can visit the campaign website at <http://www.improveschoolfunding.com>, e-mail the campaign at petition@improveschoolfunding.com, or call (800) 915-4768.

Please consider volunteering or making a small donation to the campaign. Both can be done through the website.

Thank you for your help with this important education initiative.