

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA
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LEGISLATION ACTION ALERT

Stand up for Children

The California State PTA is urging all legislators and the Governor to *Stand Up for Children*. Below are additional talking points for PTA members to communicate to their elected officials.

We are at a critical crossroad in California. The California State PTA is calling on our legislature to invest in our children. It's time to take a path that reflects the values of our society, a path that will take our children and our state into the future.

We must pass a budget that does not compromise our most important obligation—to support the education and welfare of children.

A budget compromise that cuts education and children's services is a budget that flunks the test of good government: It hurts our children.

Our legislators must agree on a budget that we can ALL be proud of--- a budget that ultimately ensures California is a vibrant economic force.

- A budget that makes severe cuts to children's healthcare, foster care and other support services fails that test.
- A budget that cuts education funding fails that test.
- A responsible budget doesn't make people choose between the health of children and their education – both are essential.
- We must focus on how much we need to invest in our children, not how much we can afford to cut.
- Only by adequately investing in our children today, can we ensure that California has a viable economy in the future.
- If there is not enough money in the budget now, just imagine how little there will be when we have an uneducated California.
- Just imagine how strong, vibrant and successful California will be if we are willing to invest in our children today.

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