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Convention delegates raise voices to protect funding

The California State PTA's "Cut\$ Hurt Kids" campaign had delegates on their feet, singing, clapping and stomping in support at the 112th Annual California State PTA Convention on Saturday.

The campaign calls on PTA members to urge legislators to reject cuts in the state budget that would hurt children, particularly after several years of deep cuts to education and other crucial children's services.

The more than 3,000 delegates at the convention joined in the debut of the "Cut\$ Hurt Kids" song. The lyrics to the first verse:

*If you're mad about the gridlock - clap your hands
If you're mad about the games - clap your hands
If you're mad about the budget, 'cause all they do is fudge it
If you're mad about decisions - clap your hands*

Delegates also filled out postcards to their State Legislators telling them that an all-cuts budget would be devastating to the well-being of the more than 9 million children of California, and urging them to work toward a balanced budget plan that includes new revenues.

Visit the website at <http://www.capta.org/sections/advocacy/cutshurtkids.cfm> to find the "Cut\$ Hurt Kids" campaign page, including the entire lyrics to the campaign song and a link to the campaign's Facebook page.