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Governor Proposes Cuts to Education

MVUSD Prepares with MVEA, CSEA and Administrators

CAMM, composed of Classified, Administrators, MVEA leaders and District Cabinet administrators has already met twice to begin to assess the Governor's proposals to slash education funds for districts. If all his proposals were enacted for next year, the district would lose about 7 million expected dollars. In addition, the loss of ADA, employee salaries, and other continuing costs would bring the price tag to over \$11 million. While the Governor's ideas are just proposals and hopefully all will not materialize, no matter what eventually happens, districts will receive significantly less than they do now, including MVUSD. Your leadership is looking at ways to trim costs. As you know most field trips and conferences have been cancelled and justifications are required for new expenditures. CAMM adopted the following standards for expenditures: essential to the classroom, needed for the essential safety of campus, and compliance requirements. Because there may be flexibility with categorical funds next year, this also applies to those funds. However, since Title 1 and Title 3 funds cannot be carried over, some things are being rerouted to those funds for expenditures. Also, most classified subs are frozen with certain exceptions. Now is the time to tighten your belts and hold on for dear life until we see what the legislature does. **Please do what you can to help.** This is serious and affects us all!

Joint Fiscal Management Committee (JFMC)

Discusses Fiscal Situation

The JFMC, negotiated in 2002, as a result of the District misspending its funds and for the purpose of monitoring district spending, meets monthly. As per the Contract, there are three (3) reps from each internal stakeholder group: MVEA, CSEA, and administrators. At the meeting the JFMC members discussed the seriousness of the State Budget crisis and the potential impact on the MVUSD budget, both for this year (07-08) and the 2008-09 school year. The discussion revolved around taking proactive steps to prepare for what will lie ahead. Talks included the need for the District to develop an action plan that includes ways to generate revenue including have sites evaluate their plans for increasing attendance and engaging in frank discussions about how money is being expended at their sites. The thinking is the more we do now, the better off we will be as we move into the next school year which promises to be critically bad fiscally speaking. The discussion also included looking carefully at all aspects of the District Budget, including areas where funds can be transferred such as the funds set aside for GASB 45 and early loan pay off. The JFMC members believe it is important to be proactive in generating revenues and to work to ensure that the funds are available in the future for things that are essential in educating our students.

CTA State Council Adopts Resolution and Budget Principles

Your elected State Council Reps: Harold Acord, Janet MacMillan, Connie Pruett and Katherine Underwood, voted to adopt a Resolution that unanimously condemns the state budget proposals by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and asks the Legislature to put students first, protect Prop 98, and set realistic state budget priorities. The vote was unanimous. The resolution is on the backside of this publication.



CTA State Council Resolution Condemning Governor's Proposed State Budget

WHEREAS, the state budget proposed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is a giant step backward for our students that would create chaos in our public schools at every level – preschool through higher education – with cuts of historic proportion that would derail the progress and threaten the education of millions of California students; and

WHEREAS, against great odds, California's educators have witnessed how our students and schools, despite being constantly asked to do more with less, have been making progress, with overall reading scores up 25 percent and math scores increasing 17 percent in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, *Education Week* now ranks California 46th in the nation in per-pupil spending, at nearly \$1,900 below the national per-student average, while the state also has some of the largest class sizes in the country and ranks dead last in the number of counselors, school nurses and librarians per student; and

WHEREAS, California's teachers are outraged that in this proclaimed "year of education" the governor's proposed budget would slash \$4.8 billion from our public schools and community colleges over the next 18 months – including devastating midyear cuts of \$400 million – and would decimate the state's minimum school funding law, Proposition 98, which voters approved in 1988 and reaffirmed their support for in 2005; and

WHEREAS, slashing the monumental sum of \$4.8 billion from our schools is the equivalent of laying off more than 107,000 teachers or 137,000 education support professionals; or gutting per-student funding by more than \$800; or cutting more than \$24,000 per classroom statewide; or increasing class sizes statewide by as much as 35 percent; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the budget cuts to higher education will be devastating, with community colleges losing more than \$500 million and cuts of more than \$300 million proposed for CSU and \$109 million for our UC systems. In addition, community college part-time faculty and CSU lecturers will suffer layoffs, students will face up to 10 percent fee hikes—their sixth in the last seven years—course offerings will be reduced, class sizes increased, and graduation times lengthened; and

WHEREAS, our students didn't create this budget crisis and their education shouldn't be ransomed to solve it with proposals that don't just mortgage their academic futures, but amount to a foreclosure of hope for generations of families; and

WHEREAS, we stand together today as the nearly 800 democratically elected delegates who comprise the California Teachers Association State Council of Education entrusted with protecting the education welfare of our 6.3 million students and all 340,000 members of CTA;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CTA State Council of Education unanimously condemns the state budget proposals by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as unworkable and disastrous for our public schools, higher education, students and their futures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTA calls on the governor and the Legislature to put our students first, reject across-the-board cuts that would damage our public schools, protect the voter-approved, minimum school funding law, Proposition 98, and show true leadership by setting realistic state budget priorities and a balanced approach of spending cuts and revenue increases to close the \$14.5 billion budget hole;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 340,000 members of CTA will fight these catastrophic budget cut proposals, which have already prompted some school districts to lay off teachers and cut local student programs; will fight to protect the integrity of Proposition 98; and will continue to stand up and speak out for California students and public schools.

Don't Panic!

Know MVEA is in YOUR Court!

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