



The Jefferson School District budget has lost \$4.4 million dollars over the past two years.

The newest budget proposal would result in a total loss of over \$7.6 million dollars of funding over 3 years.

Conservative budgeting and our district reserve have protected us so far. No amount of reserve can weather increasing and ongoing cuts without impacting student programs.

**Join our entire school district community in standing up for our schools! Contact your elected leaders.**

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Despite public vows to protect education, Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed 2010–11 budget reduces education funding by \$900 million in the current year and an additional \$2.4 billion in 2010–11.

This is on top of the \$17 billion in reductions schools have endured over the past two years. Cuts of these proportions have caused schools to close and have eliminated tens of thousands of teachers, administrators, janitors, nurses, counselors, librarians, summer school, transportation, athletics and technology. These are the very programs that have increased academic success.

The money from Race to the Top won't even begin to make a dent in the severe cuts education has faced in the past two years.

With more than 6.2 million students California has almost 2 million more students than the next most populous state of Texas. Running a school system of this scope and size is a daunting task and is not the only challenge California faces. The state also has the highest percentage of English learners in the nation and is close to the top in the number of students living below the poverty level.

Spending only \$7,571 per student, California spends \$2,200 below the national average of \$9,396 and well under half of what states such as Vermont, Wyoming, New York, New Jersey and some others spend. Topping out at \$15,139. For perspective, California spends \$47,000 per inmate

The "service gap" extends to other areas, as well. For example, California has 5,660 students for each librarian, compared to only 901 students per librarian nationally.

California has 20.9 students per teacher, compared to a national average of 15.5. That means we exceed the national average by 35 percent! Only 17 of the other 50 jurisdictions (the other states plus the District of Columbia) have a student-teacher ratio that is higher than the average of 15.5 to 1.

Vermont has the nation's lowest student/teacher ratio, at 10.8 to 1, about half as many students per teacher as California. The number of students per teacher in some of the other large states is: Florida—16.4, Illinois—18.1, Massachusetts—13.2, New Jersey—12.4, New York—12.8, Ohio—16.6, Texas—14.8, Wisconsin—14.8

In California, there is one administrator for every 468 students—nearly 60 percent above the national average. California has 990 students for each school counselor.

California ranks 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation on per pupil spending. We are denying a generation of students the education they deserve.