

Contact Instructions Governor

The Cupertino Union School District appreciates your willingness to contact the Governor and to let him know that his proposed 2010-2011 budget is devastating to the district and ultimately our students. Please note that as the state's budget process moves forward we expand our outreach to the our State Legislators.

CONTACT VIA EMAIL

- STEP 1: Go to <http://gov.ca.gov/interact#email>
- STEP 2: Fill in your preliminary contact information and select "Budget" as your subject and click "Submit"
- STEP 3: Select "Con," as we are protesting the proposed 2010-2011 budget that cuts education
- STEP 4: Enter your message to the governor. Feel free to use the sample letter below or write your own

CONTACT VIA HARDCOPY LETTER

*Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814*

CONTACT VIA FAX

Fax a letter to: (916) 558-3160

Parent Sample Letter Governor

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I write to you today as a concerned parent from the Cupertino Union School District. Over the past 18 months, the Cupertino Union School District has endured wave after wave of draconian budget reductions that will have a lasting negative impact on our current and future students.

Contrary to your recent statements, your budget proposal for next year fails to protect our students and reduces available school funding by \$2.5 billion. Education represents 40 percent of the California budget, yet public education has born 60 percent of the cuts to help balance the State budget over the past few years. Your latest offer to “protect” education reflects an additional real cut to our district of \$3.8 million, on top of the \$10 million in on-going reductions we already sustained this year.

As a low-funded, high performing district, we have taken a disproportionate amount of reductions. Given our low revenue limit, we are already forced to do more with fewer dollars. In addition, we do not receive many of the categorical dollars available to other lower performing districts.

The parents and community members in the Cupertino Union School District have passed a parcel tax and are doing everything we can to raise local revenue and donations at the school site, but we have no more to give. Everyone understands the budget challenges you are facing at the State level, but I ask that you help us by doing your part.

I urge you to work to find another solution to the State’s structural budget problems instead of drastic reductions that threaten my child’s education. Our children deserve more.

Sincerely,