



To: Assemblyman Anthony Adams

While it is clear there are extraordinary challenges in balancing the state's budget, as your constituent and a concerned member of this community, I strongly oppose the Governor's 2008–09 budget proposal and his plans to suspend the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for education. Our students and schools did not create this budget problem, and their education should not be undermined because of it.

The Governor's budget reductions would be detrimental to public schools and are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement.

For the children of this community, these cuts could mean the following:

- Raising the average class size by as much as 35% for 4th - 6th graders in the elementary schools.
- Reducing the funds used to purchase library books, art supplies, musical instruments, computers, printers, and software.....all things that enrich our instructional programs and contribute to the educational growth of our students.
- Reducing our teaching staff, cafeteria staff, custodial and maintenance services due to possible lay-offs or cut-backs.

I strongly urge the Legislature to reject the Governor's short-sighted budget and invest in California's future.

Sincerely,

(Name)
(Address)
(City)

Signature: _____

Dated: _____