



## Safety Demands on Schools Require Funding

**CALL 1-855-977-1770 TO SPEAK TO YOUR LEGISLATOR**

The California Teachers Association and other education groups agree that schools cannot safely reopen under Gov. Gavin Newsom's revised budget proposal and urged lawmakers for more funding amid the state's financial crisis.

The CTA and eight other associations issued a [list of demands](#) that includes the suspension of tax credits beyond levels Newsom has already proposed and for the state to procure personal protective equipment for schools so that districts aren't left competing with each other for supplies, as states have been.

The coalition, which includes the California School Boards Association, the California Federation of Teachers and the Service Employees International Union, is also opposing a slew of funding cuts Newsom announced as part of his May budget revision last week.

"Schools and colleges cannot physically reopen safely with the funding level proposed in the May revision," the groups wrote. "Preparing each classroom, library, gym, lunchroom and school bus for the safe return of students, teachers, and staff, will require significant resources and planning. This will not be feasible, even after public health officials provide guidance and clearance."

Due to plummeting revenues, the reduction in the Proposition 98 minimum, which guarantees a certain portion of the state budget goes to education, could mean a shortfall of \$15.1 billion for schools. Newsom offered up a slew of proposals last week to mitigate those cuts, but advocates said Thursday that much more is needed.

The Legislative Analyst's Office, in contrast, has estimated that schools stand to receive similar funding compared to the current fiscal year, due to federal relief and payment deferrals that can make up for the reductions. If the federal government prevents trigger cuts, the LAO said, K-12 schools would actually receive more money next year. **Still, schools say they won't have enough funds because of social**

**TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS:**

**PASS A BUDGET WITH NO EDUCATION CUTS**

The 2020-2021 proposed budget has cuts of more than \$10 billion to schools and community colleges that will be devastating at a time when students need more support. There are more than \$6.5 billion in proposed cuts to the Local Control Funding Formula that could mean equivalent cuts of:

- \$1,230 per student
- a 19% increase in class size
- more than 57,000 educator layoffs
- more than 125,000 classified employee layoffs

**Ask your legislator to support a budget with no cuts, no layoffs for educators or school employees. Ask to repeal corporate tax cuts.**

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**TO SPEAK TO YOUR LEGISLATOR**

- State your name
- State your address
- Ask for support of a budget with no cuts, no educator or school employee layoffs
- Ask to prioritize equity by repealing corporate tax credits.