



CTA State Budget “CUTS HURT” *Hotline*

Call your Assembly Member and State Senator *today!*

Tell them **NO** more cuts to our public schools!

1-888-268-4334

- If you are calling from your home landline phone, the toll-free number will connect you automatically to your Assembly member or State Senator.
- If the hotline cannot read your number, it will ask you to enter your zip code and then you will be connected.

Once you are connected...

- Ask to speak to the Assembly member or Senator. If he/she is not available leave a message with staff or record a message on the answering machine.
- Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent living in the district as well as a classroom teacher/education support professional/college instructor.
- Leave your contact information so they can get back to you.

Use these talking points as a guide for the conversation.

- The proposed cuts would have a devastating impact on our students and public schools (give local examples).
- The Governor’s proposal would eviscerate the state’s minimum school funding guarantee and move California schools closer to last place in terms of per-student funding.
- Any approach to solving the state budget crisis must include increased revenues.
- Our students and schools have been making progress, but this progress cannot continue if we cut programs, increase class size and lay off educators.
- At our state colleges and universities these cuts will mean student fee increases, faculty layoffs, fewer course offerings and longer graduation times.