

ANGRY OVER CUTS IN EDUCATION and OTHER VITAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES?

The governor and Legislature have cut the California public education budget by \$15 billion the past two years. The state funds over 60% of local classrooms. This year's budget disaster means:

- *K-12 teacher and school employee layoffs*
- *thousands of dollars less in every classroom*
- *student fee increases and furloughs in UC and CSU*
- *no support for economic refugee CC students*
- *larger class sizes, missing classes, and more....*



There *are* alternatives. The state budget problem can be fixed with fair tax increases on the wealthy and the corporations. Instead, they *reduced* taxes on corporations. Why? California requires a 2/3 budget vote, instead of a simple majority, and a small group of anti-tax, anti-public education legislators can and does block passage of a fair budget *every year*. Now, thanks to this undemocratic process, the state budget problem becomes our local problem.



- Work with your teachers' union and school board to tell the governor and Legislature that the undemocratic two-thirds rule has to go
- Ask your community groups to do the same
- Visit the CFT website to learn more about the state budget crisis (www.cft.org)
- We are in a crisis. *Educate, Agitate, Organize!*



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