

**CALIFORNIA  
TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION**



**May 19 Special Election**

## **Vote YES on Propositions 1A-1F**

### **Overview**

California public schools and community colleges have lost more than \$11 billion in state funding over the past two years due to the budget crisis. Our schools are currently ranked 47th in per-pupil spending. We have some of the largest classes in the country, and more than 27,000 teachers and education support professionals received layoff notices in March. Art, music, PE and career technical education programs are being eliminated all over the state. We can't let things get worse.

Passing Propositions 1A-1F in the May 19 special election will begin repaying some of the funding cut from public education, will help protect our schools and colleges from even deeper cuts, and will establish long-term budget reforms to stabilize state spending. Failing to pass these measures will cost California \$23 billion over the next four years and will result in even deeper cuts to education, children's health care, public safety, and programs for seniors and the disabled.

### **Where We Stand**

#### **Yes on 1A-1F Protects Against More Devastating Cuts to Schools, Colleges and other Services**

- California public schools and community colleges have been cut by more than \$11 billion over the past two years. More than 27,000 teachers received layoff notices in March, which means overcrowded classrooms will increase again and critical student programs will be eliminated. We can't let things get worse.
- California already ranks 47th in the nation in school funding and is racing toward the bottom. Unless we pass these initiatives, our schools will face even more cuts. More teachers will be laid off, class sizes will increase, and it will become harder for teachers to teach and students to learn.
- If Props. 1A-1F fail, we are back to where we started, with no state budget and a \$23 billion deficit, which could lead to more teacher layoffs and more cuts to vital services like education, health care and public safety. If education continues to take 50 percent of the state budget cuts, it would be the equivalent of laying off an additional 164,000 teachers.

## **Yes on 1A-1F Begins to Reverse the Damage Made by the Recent Budget Cuts**

- Propositions 1A and 1B work together to start repaying some of the cuts politicians made to education. Prop. 1B corrects the attempted unlawful manipulation of the state's minimum school funding law and repays \$9.3 billion that is owed to education. 1B sets up a repayment plan starting in 2011 to ensure schools and community colleges are paid back as the state's economic conditions improve.
- Proposition 1A raises the revenues to repay education. Both 1A and 1B must pass in order for schools to receive the \$9.3 billion. This money will help local school districts rehire teachers, reduce class sizes, buy up-to-date textbooks and restore critical student programs.
- Prop. 1B also protects our state's minimum school funding law — Proposition 98 — which voters approved more than 20 years ago to guarantee minimum funding to our schools and community colleges.

## **Yes on 1A-1F Helps Stop California's Economic Decline**

- The future of our state depends on the investment we make in our students, public schools and colleges. Yes on 1A-1F establishes long-term budget reforms to stabilize state spending and create a reserve fund to save money in good economic years so we have it in bad ones to protect schools and other vital services against future cuts.
- California business leaders agree that California's economic recovery and stability depend upon a well-educated workforce. We must educate our children to be productive members of the state's workforce.
- Californians have long recognized that high-quality education leads to more prosperous and healthy communities for us all.

## **Yes on 1A-1F Holds Politicians Accountable**

- Proposition 1F prohibits state legislators, the governor and other state politicians from getting pay raises whenever the state budget is running a deficit. By stopping legislative pay raises during state budget deficits, we can save California taxpayers millions of dollars when they are needed most and bring accountability to the Legislature and the Governor's office.