



Impact of the Governor's Proposed Cuts to School Funding on Local Districts

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The Governor's proposed cuts to education funding are already having a dramatic impact on school districts throughout California, as they struggle to plan their budgets based on worst-case scenarios and uncertain numbers, and as the March 15th deadline for sending out pink slips to staff who might be laid off nears. The following is a sampling of specific impacts in local districts based on media accounts.

Acalanes Union High School District: This district estimates a potential \$2.5 million funding gap if proposed cuts are approved, and has asked local education foundations and parent clubs to contribute \$1 million to help keep counselors, low class sizes and electives. [*Contra Costa Times*, 2/8/08]

Alameda County Schools: Officials from districts throughout Alameda county recently met to highlight the devastating impact that cutting an estimated \$4.5 million from their budgets will have on local instruction. They met at Westlake Middle School in Oakland, which alone faces cuts of \$436,000, and whose students were adopting the motto "Governor, you're breaking our hearts" and creating Valentine's Day cards to express their concerns about such cuts to the Governor and legislators. [*KGO-TV*, 2/13/08]

Alameda Unified School District: Alameda could lose about \$5 million over the next year and a half, and has recently considered closing a middle school to save the district money – a move that was vehemently opposed by parents. If the district made such cuts across-the-board as the governor has proposed, it would require a cut of 46 teachers, 16 office or clerical staff, six maintenance and food service workers and four administrators. Other options are being considered in an effort to avoid job losses, including a reduction in the number of middle school counselors, the complete elimination of all sports programs, and closing two swim centers. These cuts follow \$7.7 million in cuts that the district has already suffered over the past seven years. In a recent op-ed piece, the district's superintendent described the governor's proposed budget as "the most harmful budget I've seen in my 25 years as an educator." [*San Jose Mercury News*, 1/22/08, 2/15/08, 2/26/08; *Alameda Sun*, 2/22/08]

Alvord Unified School District: Facing an expected shortfall of \$5.7 million, this Riverside-county district is considering a reduction of as many as 132 teaching positions, which would mean larger classes in Kindergarten through third grades. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/25/08, 3/4/08]

Anaheim Union High School District: The district faces a \$17 million shortfall, and has already notified three counselors that they may be laid off. District officials are currently holding individual meetings with other staff members who may be laid off, not certain how many cuts may be necessary. [*Los Angeles Times*, 2/21/08]

Antioch Unified School District: Schools in the district are facing a possible loss of \$8.7 million under the governor's budget proposal. With cuts like this, district officials admit that "some positions will be affected" but hope to keep the cuts as far away from the classroom as possible. [*Contra Costa Times*, 1/29/08; *Brentwood Press*, 2/29/08]

Apple Valley Unified School District: The Board of Trustees in this district recently passed a resolution to oppose the governor's proposed education funding cuts, and may need to lay off as many as 100 teachers to bridge the budget gap. [*Victor Valley Daily Press*, 2/17/08]

Bakersfield City School District: Bakersfield schools are looking at the loss of \$19 million, and cuts could include the elimination of three administrator positions, and an undetermined number of teachers and other staff. The cuts in state funding include programs such as classroom materials, Special Education and transportation. [*CBS29-TV* (<http://www.eyeforyou.com>), 2/27/08]

Baldwin Park Unified School District: Baldwin park officials plan to use district reserves to make up for the expected loss of \$4 million from state funding, out of fear that sending out layoff notices to teachers will cause the district's best teachers to leave. [*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, 3/1/08]

Beardsley School District: The small district with 1,700 students projects that the state's fiscal crisis could translate into 15% cuts for the district, which is also in declining enrollment. [*The Bakersfield Californian*, 1/28/08]

Berkeley Unified School District: The district estimates it will lose \$2.5 million in state funding under the governor's proposed budget. The school board has indicated that the district will likely be forced to lay off counselors and college advisors, and to reduce or eliminate nutrition programs, after-school programs and transportation. The superintendent recently warned that everything but bare necessities is "on the chopping block." [*The Daily Californian*, 2/5/08; *The Berkeley Daily Planet*, 1/25/08; *Oakland Tribune*, 2/13/08]

Black Oak Mine Unified School District (Placer County): The district anticipates cutting 6% from its budget in 2008-09. [*Auburn Journal*, 1/27/08]

Brentwood Union School District: Brentwood is planning to issue 27 pink slips to teachers by March 15, will be scaling back programs such as art and music, and may increase class sizes as they attempt to make up for an expected loss of \$3.1 million in state funding. [*Brentwood Press*, 2/29/08]

Byron Union School District (Contra Costa County): District planners expect to lose anywhere from \$700,000 to \$1 million in state funding, and while hoping to keep cuts away from the classroom, it may be necessary for them to lay off "a couple" of teachers. [*Brentwood Press*, 2/29/08]

California State University System (CSU): The California Faculty Association estimates that the “ripple effect” that would be caused by the governor’s proposed \$386 million in cuts to the CSU system would mean that at least 10,000 students would be refused access to CSU campuses. And with community colleges also required to close courses and increase class sizes due to cuts, the influx of students rejected by the CSU system could cause the community college system to “bust at the seams.” In a recent op-ed piece, one CSU faculty member noted that the governor’s proposed cuts equate to closing five of the system’s midsized campuses, or one larger campus. And when studies have established that every dollar invested in the CSU system by the state results in a return of \$4 for the California economy, cuts to the system will do more damage to our state’s economy, and will mean that the fewer students who can still afford to attend classes will find fewer classes, larger class sizes and a longer time required to graduate. [*The Daily 49er* (CSU Long Beach student newspaper), 1/28/08; *San Bernardino County Sun*, 3/2/08]

Capistrano Unified School District: District trustees recently approved a cut of \$27 million from the district’s 2008-09 budget, resulting in the elimination of 427 jobs – 266 teachers and 161 other staff members. The cuts will increase average class sizes in the district from 20 to 31.5 students, and more than half of the district’s bus routes will be cut. With these cuts, the district will have been forced to cut \$63.5 million from its budget over the past eight years. The district’s Parent-Teacher Association has mobilized a campaign to encourage parents to call the governor’s office and their legislators to protest the proposed cuts in state education funding. [*Orange County Register*, 1/25/08, 2/26/08, 3/4/08; *The Capistrano Dispatch*, 2/15/08]

Carlsbad Unified School District: With the district facing \$4.5 million in cuts, the superintendent vows to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible, but is looking at possible cuts in personnel, including counselors, nurses, teachers aids, maintenance staff. The school board president notes, “Frankly, I see no easy cuts, which every dollar cut is going to negatively impact our students and staff.” Since learning of the proposed cuts, a group of parents, teachers, students and business leaders in the area have implemented what they call a “full-court press” of lobbying, letter-writing, phone calls and letters to the editor in an effort to persuade the governor and legislators to protect Prop. 98 funding. [*North County Times*, 1/21/08, 1/29/08, 1/31/08]

Castro Valley Unified School District: While district leaders anticipate being in a better position than most to weather proposed cuts due to a fiscal reserve it built up over the past two years, they anticipate a loss of \$540 per student in state funding, for a total of \$4.6 million. [*Castro Valley Forum*, 1/29/08; *The Daily Review*, 2/11/08]

Central Unified School District [Fresno County]: This district anticipates a loss of \$4.5 million in state funding if the governor’s proposed cuts are enacted by the state legislature. [*The Fresno Bee*, 2/21/08]

Chico Unified School District: The governor’s proposed cuts in state education funding kicks Chico’s budget shortfall to an estimated \$8.5 million. As one trustee notes, “The six million students in the state of California didn’t create the budget crisis. We shouldn’t be trying to solve the budget crisis on the backs of our students.” [*Chico Enterprise-Record*, 2/28/08]

Chino Valley Unified School District: Chino Valley is looking to cut \$27 million from its \$270 million budget. [*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, 3/1/08]

Clovis Unified School District [Fresno County]: Clovis schools would lose \$5 million in state funding under the governor's proposed cuts to schools. [*The Fresno Bee*, 2/21/08]

Coachella Valley Unified School District: CVUSD faces the loss of \$3.5 million in state funding under the proposed state budget, on top of \$9 million in unexpected increased costs this year. Those increased costs are in part due to sanctions being placed on the district under the No Child Left Behind act's program improvement requirements. And, in fact, the State Board of Education will consider a proposal at its March meeting to require the district be handed over to a trustee under additional sanctions. This will lead to even further unexpected costs. [*The Desert Sun*, 3/4/08; CA Department of Education, 2/27/08]

Colton Joint Unified School District (San Bernardino County): District leaders fear a \$5.6 million reduction in revenue for 2008-09, and are currently convening a committee to make recommendation on how to address the shortfall. [*San Bernardino County Sun*, 2/12/08]

Conejo Valley Unified School District (Thousand Oaks): The district superintendent expects \$42 million to be cut from the district's budget, and points out the need for a more stable source of funding for education, stating frankly, "How much more blood can we squeeze out of a turnip?" [*The Simi Valley Acorn*, 2/7/08]

Corona-Norco Unified School District: The district expects to lose \$1.5 million this year, and another \$15 million next year, which will translate into cuts in classroom aides, busing and the class size reduction program. And that doesn't include the potential elimination of \$16 million for cost-of-living increases to employees. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 1/17/08; *The Friday Flyer*, 2/29/08]

Covina-Valley Unified School District: The district, dealing with declining enrollment before the cuts in state funding, may have to cut a total of \$9 million from its budget. Possible cuts include staff reductions, consolidation of schools, and the elimination of class size reduction. As one district official noted, "What the state is doing to us is unfair. Prop. 98 was passed to protect schools." [*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, 3/1/08]

Cypress School District (Orange County): Cypress' superintendent says that her district may need to close a school in 2009 to cope with the lost of \$1.6 million in state revenues. While that amount may not seem large, for such a small district, the amount is "overwhelming." She notes, "We already have just one nurse for 4,100 students; there are no other places we can look to cut." [*Orange County Register*, 2/29/08]

Davis Joint Unified School District: Davis officials are considering \$4 million in cuts to their 2008-09 budget. Boosters of the district's elementary school music program have sent emotional e-mails to parents, urging them to lobby the school board to protect funding for the program. [*Sacramento Bee*, 2/29/08]

Desert Sands Unified School District: The district, which stands to lose \$13.4 million in 2008-09 if the governor's proposed cuts are approved, is considering eliminating or changing the jobs of 118 employees - including 70 elementary school teachers, 16 elementary counselors, 16 middle and high school teachers, 10 project teachers, two full-time and one part-time special education positions and one middle school counselor. [*The Desert Sun*, 3/4/08]

Dixie School District (Marin County): Dixie's \$17 million budget could face cuts from \$200,000 to \$1 million, depending on the final cuts approved by the state. [*Marin Independent-Journal*, 2/26/08]

Dixon Unified School District: The district, already facing a \$1.14 million deficit, is facing \$500,000 in cuts from the current year budget, and as much as \$1.3 million in cuts to next year's budget. The district's Budget Advisory Committee has discussed cuts that include elimination of staff, cuts to transportation, and even possible school closures to bridge the gap. [*The Vacaville Reporter*, 2/5/08]

Dublin Unified School District: District officials in Dublin have started meeting to prioritize needs in anticipation of a \$1.7 million cut in state funding, noting that they are "planning for the worst and hoping for the best." [*Contra Costa Times*, 2/8/08]

East Whittier City School District: East Whittier's board managed to set aside about \$10 million in recent years, saving for building improvements and buying more student computers. But now they expect to need to use about \$4 million of that reserve to make up for lost state funding. [*Whittier Daily News*, 3/1/08]

El Monte Union High School District (LA County): The district expects to have to cut \$4.5 million from its budget, and is currently fighting to forestall laying off teachers. [*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, 3/1/08]

El Rancho Unified School District (LA County): The district in Pico Rivera expects to have to cut \$5 million from its budget for next year. It will send layoff notices to about 60 teachers next month, and a committee is reviewing a list of schools for possible closure. [*Whittier Daily News*, 3/1/08]

Elk Grove Unified School District: Elk Grove may have to lay off 134 teachers, increase class sizes in Kindergarten and ninth grades, cut spending on textbooks and reduce summer school offerings in order to offset the expected loss of state education funding. [*Sacramento Bee*, 2/29/08]

Escondido Union School District: A list of nearly three dozen cuts was recently presented to the district's school board, in an effort to close the district's \$10.7 million in cuts from next year's budget. The district's total shortfall increases to \$11.1 million when declining enrollment is factored in. Among the cuts presented to the board were the elimination of 45 teachers, 16 full-time middle school employees, 18 middle school assistant principals, 10 middle school counselors, more than a dozen teachers in staff development, support and English learner programs, the district's probation officer and as many as 10 custodians. All of the district's employees would also be asked to work two to twelve fewer days a year. Also being considered is an increase in class size for Kindergarten classes from 20 to 30 students. [*North County Times*, 2/27/08, 2/29/08]

Eureka City Schools: Humboldt County's largest district was already facing a \$1.4 million deficit before the Governor's proposed cuts, and now facing the loss of another \$3.5 million in funding for 2008-09. The district anticipates that they may need to give 50 teachers pink slips come March 15th, and warn that even mandatory programs such as special education and transportation may be affected by these cuts. The transportation dollars are of particular concern to officials, given the number of rural school in the district. [*Eureka Times-Standard*, 2/9/08]

Folsom-Cordova Unified School District: District leaders expect that if the governor's proposed cuts in state education funding are passed, they will need to lay off 156 teachers, increase class sizes in all grades and eliminate bus service to high schools. [*Sacramento Bee*, 2/29/08]

Fontana Unified School District: Fontana is trying to keep cuts – estimated to be about \$10 million – away from the classroom, but admit that “it’s not a matter of if, but how many job cuts are coming.” Classified job losses are exacerbated by the conversion of many schools in the district to 10-month, multi-track schedules. [*San Bernardino County Sun*, 2/26/08]

Freemont Unified School District: If the governor's proposed cuts are enacted, Fremont expects to lose \$1.3 million from the current year budget, and another \$3.3 million in 2008-09. Business official with the district warn that such cuts would likely lead to cuts in special education, transportation, child mentors, child development programs, physical education, and English learner programs. One official notes that “this is one of the more draconian budgets I’ve seen during my time in education.” [*Freemont Bulletin*, 2/21/08]

Fresno Unified School District: Fresno officials hope to offset proposed cuts to the district from their reserves, thus avoiding laying off teachers or increasing class sizes. But they note that the possible cuts of \$27 million from the district budget will have definite impacts on programs in the district. By the end of 2008-09, cuts to the district would total \$45 million. [KMPH-TV, 2/12/08; KSEE-TV, 2/13/08; *The Fresno Bee*, 2/21/08]

General Shafter School District: This small district in Kern County anticipates having to shave \$100,000 off of a \$1.6 million budget, and “knows it will be notifying staff of potential layoffs” as a result. [*The Bakersfield Californian*, 1/28/08]

Glendora Unified School District: Glendora saw its enrollment decrease by 155 students last year, and anticipates losing another 280 students next year. This, combined with the governor's proposed cuts in state education funding, have led to an anticipated loss of \$5.8 million. The district hopes to eliminate positions through attrition, but may need to lay off up to three teachers. [*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, 3/1/08]

Hacienda-LaPuente Unified School District: Officials expect a loss of \$3.6 million due to proposed cuts in state education funding, in addition to the \$2.2 million lost due to declining enrollment [*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, 3/1/08]

Hayward Unified School District: Hayward schools are projected to lose at least \$16 million in state funding, and the district is currently reviewing possible cuts. [*The Daily Review*, 2/11/08]

Healdsburg Unified School District: The school board is discussing the elimination for 17 teachers in the district to bridge at \$2.2 million deficit. The cuts are expected to increase class sizes, and further complicate a district budget already facing pressure from declining enrollment. [*Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, 2/7/08]

Hemet Unified School District (Riverside County): Officials in the Hemet USD expect to send a letter to district teachers notifying them that they may be laid off in 2008-09. It's not yet known how many teachers may end up actually being laid off, but with the possible loss of \$14 million in state funds next year, district officials are preparing for the worst-case scenario. Other cost-cutting measures being considered include offering employees early retirement incentives and increasing class sizes, [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/22/08]

Humboldt County Schools: Schools in the county are facing \$13 million in cuts under the governor's proposed cuts. And as one local paper points out, "students will have more classmates, but not as many teachers, nurses, librarians, bus drivers and new books" according to county officials. [*Eureka Times-Standard*, 2/9/08]

Jefferson Elementary School District (San Mateo County): Facing the possible loss of as much as \$5 million over the next two-and-a-half years due to proposed state budget cuts and declining enrollment, district trustees recently received a list of possible reduction measures, including eliminating jobs, possibly closing one school, elimination of physical-education aides, and increasing class sizes in grades four through six. The board may also consider putting a \$100 parcel tax on the ballot to generate additional revenue to help offset cuts from the state. [*Inside Bay Area.com*, 2/12/08]

John Swett Unified School District: The Swett school board recently approved the elimination of six teaching positions in an effort to trim about \$900,000 in expected lost state funding. Teachers will be lost at all four of the district's schools. Even after the layoffs, the district will still be required to find another \$500,000 in cuts to offset the expected cuts should the governor's proposed budget pass. [*Contra Costa Times*, 3/1/08]

Jurupa Unified School District (Riverside County): This district's board recently approved a \$5.2 million cost-cutting plan that included 27 layoffs and a hiring freeze. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/25/08]

Kelseyville Unified School District (Lake County): The district recently issued 15 layoff notices – 12 to teachers, 2 to administrators and on part-time position. The president of the local teachers' association equated the cuts to closing an entire school site. [*Lake County Record Bee*, 2/27/08]

Kern County High School District: The district is anticipating a loss of \$23.6 million next year if proposed cuts are enacted. One district official notes that it would be "the steepest decline in funding in the shortest period of notice since we've seen since Prop. 13 of the early '80s." Cuts currently being considered include the elimination of 90 teachers, 7 counselors, eight management positions and over a dozen bus drivers, secretaries and custodians. [*The Bakersfield Californian*, 1/28/08; *CBS29-TV* (<http://www.eyeforyou.com>), 2/27/08]

Konocti Unified School District (Lake County): Konocti schools face the loss of more than 40 teachers and an unknown number of support staff positions as a result of cuts in state education funding. [*Lake County Record Bee*, 2/27/08]

Lake Elsinor Unified School District: The district has frozen the salaries of all district administrators and managers, reduced department budgets by 10% immediately, and at a recent special board meeting approved the elimination of the K-3 class size reduction program and the issuing of 141 layoff notices to teachers. The district moved earlier this year to eliminate about \$3 million from its budget in anticipation of future cuts. But another \$6 million more may need to be cut from next years' budget, and \$9.34 million more in 2009-10. The district recently asked teachers and classified employees to accept a wage freeze to help balance the district's budget in upcoming years. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 1/17/08, 2/1/08; *North County Times - The Californian*, 2/1/08, 2/9/08; *The Friday Flyer*, 2/29/08]

Las Virgenes Unified School District (Calabasas, Westlake Village): The district stands to lose \$7 million in funding next year based on budget projections, in addition to \$325,000 in cuts this year. The district's Chief Business Official remarked that "The size of this is really leaving everybody speechless. It's quite amazing that this is being proposed in light of the fact that 2008 is supposed to be the 'Year of Education'." [*The Simi Valley Acorn*, 2/7/08]

Liberty Union High School District: District officials estimate that the combination of per-student-funding cuts proposed by the governor, and 10% proposed cuts to various state grant programs, would equate to a total loss of nearly \$2 million. District officials are working with the school board to develop options to offset those lost funds with cuts that are as far away from the classroom as possible. [*Contra Costa Times*, 1/29/08; *Brentwood Press*, 2/28/08]

Lincoln Unified School District (Stockton): Lincoln is looking to cut \$1.5 million from its budget due to the governor's proposed budget, and another \$2 million due to declining enrollment in the district. The district, which as already eliminated three administrator positions, anticipates sending out layoff notices to some teachers by the March 15th deadline. [*Stockton Record*, 2/26/08]

Little Lake City School District: The superintendent describes the loss of \$1.4 million as, "like taking a skeleton and paring back on the bone ... We've trimmed and trimmed and trimmed. There's no more fat, no more flesh, it's down to the skeleton." [*Whittier Daily News*, 3/1/08]

Lodi Unified School District: Lodi expects to have to trim about \$8.2 million from next year's budget. Cuts are expected to delay filling vacant positions. [*Stockton Record*, 2/26/08]

Lompoc Unified School District: The district faces \$600,000 in mid-year reductions this year, and another \$2.5 million in revenues in 2008-2009. And due to declining enrollment, Lompoc had already experienced a \$1 million shortfall this year and was expecting an additional \$1 million shortfall next year *before* the governor's proposed cuts. The school board has implemented an immediate hiring freeze and has mandated that all school sites and departments set aside a minimum of 10% in reserves. [*The Lompoc Record*, 1/17/08, 1/31/08]

Long Beach Unified School District: Proposed state cuts would translate into “deep and damaging” cuts to Long Beach schools of about \$3 million this year, and nearly \$56 million next year. The board of education recently voted to close an elementary school to save the district about \$1 million. But the cuts still threaten teachers, class sizes, meals for disadvantaged children and special needs education. As one district official noted, “Our schools are being held more accountable than ever before for producing measurable gains in student achievement. Ironically, we are supposed to do that with revenues far below what most other states provide for educating their youth, and now the governor proposes cutting that funding even farther.” [*Long Beach Press-Telegram*, 1/22/08; *Gazette Newspapers*, 1/24/08; *Los Angeles Times*, 2/21/08]

Los Angeles Unified School District: The state’s largest district is facing \$560-million in potential cuts to its budget through 2008-09. The combined sums, according to news reports, would amount to the district’s biggest shortfall ever, and would be equivalent to closing 22 high schools, firing 5,750 employees or instituting an 8% pay cut for all employees. The district’s superintendent notes, “When I first saw the governor’s proposed budget, quite frankly, I was in a state of shock.” [*Los Angeles Times*, 2/21/08]

Manteca Unified School District: Manteca, which is facing cuts of \$11.5 million in state funding, has implemented an immediate hiring freeze – the first of a series of preemptive cutbacks it plans to make to prepare for the anticipated “massive” drop in state funding. Also being considered currently is a proposal to delay construction of the district’s new elementary school in West Lathrop in order to save money. District leaders pointed out that these proposed cuts follow \$2 million in midyear cuts the district suffered in 2003-04 and another \$4.4 million in cuts in 2004-05, neither of which the district has completely recovered from. [*Lathrop-Manteca Sun Post*, 1-18-08; *Stockton Record*, 2/26/08]

Menifee Union School District (Riverside County): The Menifee board has proposed eliminating seven teacher and three assistant principal positions, and still would need to eliminate another \$2.3 million from its 2008-09 budget even after the cuts. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/25/08]

Millbrae School District: Millbrae’s superintendent recently said, “The governor’s budget is unconscionable. It’s hurting the future of our children.” She refused to guess at the potential impact of the cuts on the district, as she expects them to grow before the state budget is finalized. [*Examiner.com*, 2/25/08]

Modesto City Schools: Facing the need to cut \$12 million from its budget, the school board in Modesto will be meeting soon to consider possible reductions to staff and programs. Proposed cuts being considered include laying off 53 teachers; laying off school nurses, librarians and counselors (increasing the high school counselor ratio from 520:1 to 625:1); increasing class sizes in grade K-3 and in high schools, and cutting funding for music programs and extracurricular activities. In fact, educators and other members of the community are so concerned about the devastating impact these cuts may have that the school board meeting planned to discuss the cuts had to be rescheduled because crowd grew too large for the capacity of the room, prompting the fire department to raise safety concerns. [*Modesto Bee*, 2/19/08, 2/20/08; *redOrbit.com*, 2/23/08]

Monterey County Schools: Should the governor's proposed cuts be enacted. Schools in Monterey County would be hit with roughly \$15 million in cuts, leading to cuts that local officials say would have "potentially disastrous effects on local schools and children." One school official noted, "We'll be cutting out a lot of basics that a whole child needs." A local parent noted that "Ten percent sounds reasonable. But it is devastating in the field of education. It is horrible." [*The Salinas Californian*, 2/14/08; *Monterey County Herald*, 2/15/08]

Moreno Valley Unified School District: District officials are currently debating ways to cut about \$11 million out of the district's 2008-09 budget. While they hope that layoffs will not be necessary, they have not been entirely ruled out. In the meantime, the district has frozen hiring, cut permanent on-site substitute teachers by 50 percent and is looking at other possibilities such as eliminating summer school for Kindergarten through eight grades. The district's board also recently joined many others across the state in passing a resolution condemning the governor's proposed cuts to education funding. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/20/08]

Morgan Hill Unified School District: Looking at a possible \$3 million reduction in funding from the state under the governor's proposed budget, Morgan Hill is currently considering staff layoffs and reassignments to help close the gap. And the 300-mile district which buses more than 8,000 students is concerned that the need to maintain transportation funding may lead to more teacher layoffs than would normally be expected. [*Morgan Hill Times*, 3/3/08]

Morongo Unified School District: This district anticipates that if the proposed cuts are enacted, they will end next year \$1.3 million in debt, and "the train wreck would continue into school year 2009-10, which MUSD would bleed a projected \$3.7 million." [*Hi-Desert Star*, 1/25/08]

Mt. Diablo Unified School District: Leaders are preparing to cut \$14 million from a \$300 million spending plan – the equivalent of 300 full-time employees. [*Contra Costa Times*, 2/8/08]

Mt. Shasta Union School District: The district's superintendent says that if the governor's proposed cuts are enacted, the district is looking at \$520,000 in cuts, which would "require significant cuts, layoffs and programs." [*Mt. Shasta News*, 1/23/08]

Murrieta Valley Unified School District: Staff in the district recently outlined \$7.8 million in proposed cuts to programs, only part of the \$10.8 million budget gap they anticipate during the 2008-09 school year. The proposed cuts prevent layoffs and class sizes, but will require the elimination of spending on discretionary funds, freezing administrative salaries and leaving job openings unfilled. The district is also proposing shifting \$2 million in lottery funding from staff development and technology needs to the district's general fund, and using \$2.7 million from the district's reserve accounts to make up for the expected loss of funding from the state. [*North County Times*, 2/9/08, 2/29/08]

Natomas Unified School District: Natomas is considering delaying the opening of a new school and reducing the use of substitute teachers in response to expected cuts in state funding. [*Sacramento Bee*, 2/29/08]

Napa Valley Unified School District: The district's school board recently unanimously adopted a resolution urging the state legislature to reject the Governor's proposed education funding cuts, and is currently meeting to determine the impact that the proposed cuts might have on the district's budget. [*Napa Valley Register*, 2/10/08]

Nevada Joint Union High School District [Grass Valley]: The district is facing a possible \$1.75 million in cuts in 2008-09 – and a total of \$2.3 to \$2.5 million over the next two years – prompting early retirement packages for teachers, possible layoffs and other cost-cutting reductions. The district’s assistant superintendent notes, “We are all in a state of shock. In my 20 years, I’ve never seen anything this dramatic.” [*The Union*, 1/18/08, 2/13/08]

New Haven Unified School District: In a recent op-ed in a local paper, the district superintendent noted that the governor’s proposed cuts mean the district must make \$377,542 in immediate cuts, an amount that could increase to over \$755,000 by June 30th, and prepare for an additional loss of \$7 million in funding in 2008-09. She notes that, “In New Haven, as in most other districts in the state, these cuts won’t mean ‘trimming the fat.’ They’ll mean cutting the meat and muscle of an educational system that already was woefully underfunded.” [*The Fremont Argus*, 2/4/08]

Novato Unified School District: Novato is facing \$4 million in cuts this year, \$2 million next year, and \$3 million in 2010-11. District officials are trying to limit the impact of the current cuts to support services, but has not ruled out layoffs in the future. Other areas which may be affected are class-size reduction, special education, funding for at-risk students, and categorical programs such as GATE and the district’s library improvement program. [*Novato Advance*, 1/23/08; *Marin Independent-Journal*, 2/26/08]

Oakland Unified School District: The state-run district, which has been struggling to regain local control, may be forced to cut programs and services such as electives, counseling and athletics if forced to cut the projected \$15 million from its budget. [*Alameda Times-Star*, 2/14/08]

Oceanside Unified School District: Estimates of possible cuts for Oceanside range from \$8.8 to \$14 million in recent news reports. To deal with this possibility, the district is considering proposals that include laying off teachers, increasing class sizes, cutting counselors and literacy coaches, eliminating full-day kindergarten and elementary music programs, and reducing busing. The district superintendent says, “This is my 33rd year in education and this is about as bad as I’ve seen.” [*San Diego Union Tribune*, 2/6/08, 2/13/08; *North County Times*, 1/21/08]

Ontario-Montclair School District: Ontario schools face a loss of \$12.5 million due to a combination of state budget cuts and declining enrollment. The district has already been leaving vacated positions empty in an effort to cut funds, and the district’s board recently opted to close an entire school. The district hopes other closures won’t be required, but has not eliminated the possibility. [*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, 3/1/08]

Ojai Unified School District: Ojai district officials expect to sent layoff notices to as many as 30 teachers who could be laid off in the fall – just the first step in its efforts to cut \$2 million from its \$25 million budget. The cuts could also mean laying off counselors and nurses, and eliminating or significantly cutting academic and athletic programs and bus routes. Class sizes in the district will also likely increase due to budget cuts, and the district is seriously considering closing schools altogether to save money. The district’s superintendent described his job as, “To pull a different rabbit out of the hat every year and try to keep our budget solvent.” [*Ventura County Star*, 3/1/08]

Orange County: Orange County public schools could lose as much as \$152.5 million in state funding this year, and nearly \$500 million countywide in 2008-09 under the governor's proposal, which could place some of the county's 27 school districts at risk of state takeover due to threat of bankruptcy. A member of Irvine Unified's Parent Teacher Association noted that "we already don't have enough nurses, counselors and librarians to support student needs." That was echoed by a high school science teacher from Costa Mesa, who noted that "if I don't have certain lab supplies, I am going to have to eliminate a lot of lesson plans." [*Orange County Register*, 1/25/08, 2/7/08]

Orcutt Union School District (Santa Barbara County): Orcutt is a district that has seen significant declines in enrollment in recent years, already costing them a loss of \$831,000 this year alone. Now facing an additional \$1.7 million in possible cuts under the Governor's proposed budget, district officials say they have their backs against the wall. "We can't cut anymore" explained the district superintendent, with "indignation clearly audible in her voice" according to a local paper's account. [*Santa Maria Times*, 2/9/08]

Pajaro Valley Unified School District (Santa Cruz County): As the Pajaro district faces the potential loss of \$11 million in school funding, the school board is considering nearly two dozen job cuts, including a deputy superintendent, assistant principals, program coordinators and directors. Future cuts could include teachers. [*Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 2/27/08]

Palo Alto Unified School District: Palo Alto schools could lose \$1 million under the governor's proposed cuts. The cuts will directly impact programs such as secondary-school counseling, textbooks, gifted-education programs, child care and adult education programs. State Senator Joe Simitian told a recent gathering of concerned parents, educators and community members, "Everybody here should be fighting like the devil to tell people, 'Don't Suspend Prop. 98.'" And they are doing just that, with community members – including parents and teachers – appearing at a recent school board meeting to support the school board's passage of a resolution condemning the Governor's proposed cuts. [*Palo Alto Online*, 1/28/08, 2/13/08; *Palo Alto Daily News*, 2/13/08]

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District: The school board in Palos Verdes recently agreed to \$1.2 million in cuts to their current year budget, and \$2.5 million in cuts for 2008-09, in response to the expected cuts to state education funding. The district plans to send out 50 layoff notices for next year, and will reduce district office staff by \$250,000. The cuts will also lead to the elimination of class-size reduction programs in Kindergarten, third and ninth grades, elementary music programs, and will lead to layoffs of some counselors, librarians, psychologists, nurses and health clerks. [*Palos Verdes Peninsula News*, 2/21/08]

Patterson Joint Unified School District: The district is facing cuts of \$1.66 million from its budget for next year, and is looking at cutting 30 positions, including teachers, administrators and classified personnel. [*The Modesto Bee*, 2/7/08]

Pittsburg Unified School District: District officials recently reluctantly made the decision to prepare to cut \$5.2 million from the district's budget, which could force the layoffs of more than 100 people - including 64 teachers, 10 administrators and 15 support personnel. The cuts also will likely force the elimination of the district's class size reduction program. At a recent school board meeting, a third-grade student from the district's Parkside Elementary urged the school board not to increase class sizes, noting, "I want my teachers to remember me as Marelya, not No. 32." [*Contra Costa Times*, 2/4/08, 2/29/08; *San Jose Mercury News*, 2/6/08, 2/14/08; *NBC11.com*, 2/27/08]

Placer County Schools: The superintendent of Placer County Schools anticipates that if the proposed budget cuts are enacted, more than half of the school districts in the county will have their fiscal solvency called into question, making them subject to county oversight. [*Auburn Journal*, 1/27/08]

Placer Union High School District: For this district, according to school officials, "the outlook is grim." They plan to cut \$150,000 from this year's budget, and \$2 million from next year's budget. "The most difficult thing is that the cuts will affect the teachers in the classroom and the students in the seats of the classroom" notes one school leader. [*Auburn Journal*, 1/27/08]

Pleasant Valley School District (Ventura County): District officials recently rejected a proposed 2 percent pay raise for the district's teachers, citing the possible loss of \$2 million to the district over the next two years due to cuts in state education funding. [*The Acorn*, 2/29/08]

Pleasanton Unified School District: Pleasanton's district superintendent estimates that the district will need to cut \$4.5 million relative to their current spending to have a balanced budget in 2008-09. And he estimates that about \$900,000 of cuts could be made through reductions in non-personnel items, but the remaining \$3.6 million would need to come from the elimination of as many as 47 positions across the district. [*Pleasanton Weekly*, 1/31/08; *Oakland Tribune*, 2/13/08]

Pomona Unified School District: While district officials are hesitant to estimate how the governor's proposed cuts could impact their schools, they note that the district already lost \$4 million in per-student funding last year due to declining enrollment, and has lost a total of \$11.7 million in state funding over the past two years, so further cuts are of great concern. [*San Bernardino Sun*, 1/26/08]

Poway Unified School District: The district would need to cut \$15.5 million in spending next year under proposed cuts, and trustees are currently considering proposals to laying off as many as 150 teachers, rolling back raises, increasing class sizes in grades four through twelve, and eliminating or reducing home-to-school busing. These cuts follow the district's loss of \$13.8 million between 2002 and 2005 due to previous cuts in state education funding. [*North County Times*, 3/3/08]

Ravenswood City School District: Officials anticipate \$680,000 in cuts for the district over the next year, and voters in San Mateo County had to just pass a measure to renew a property tax on residents to fund a long-awaited raise for teachers, which were among the lowest paid in the county. Now the district is expected to issue layoff notices to a dozen of those teachers in anticipation of the cuts in state funding. [*Palo Alto Daily News*, 1/31/08; *San Mateo County Times*, 3/1/08]

Redwood City School District (San Mateo County): Redwood City expects to lose about \$3.9 million from its 2008-09 budget, but hopes to soften the blow on current programs by pulling about \$1.8 billion out of the district's reserves. However, the district has not ruled out layoffs. [*Examiner.com*, 2/25/08; *San Mateo County Times*, 3/1/08]

Rialto Unified School District: The school board in Rialto recently voted to issue pink slips to 305 teachers and counselors due to the proposed budget cuts. The president of the local teachers' association estimates that the cuts will actually total about 430 with the 100 or so substitutes and 28 probationary employees who will also be let go. The district is facing possible cuts of \$8.5 million from its general fund, on top of \$4 million in losses for specific programs and \$3 million in losses due to declining enrollment. The possible layoffs would have a dramatic impact on the district's class sizes in grade K-3, with the student-to-teacher ratio jumping from 20 students per teacher to 32 students per teacher. [*San Bernardino County Sun*, 2/12/08, 2/13/08; *Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/25/08]

Riverside County Schools: At a recent rally by members of the Education Coalition, it was revealed that the county's schools face a total of \$320 million in cuts. Speakers at the rally warned that such cuts would result in increased class sizes, reduced per-pupil spending and the layoff of teachers, bus drivers, custodians, food service workers and administrators. It is projected that such cuts would result in a loss of \$800 per student. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/13/08; *North County Times*, 2/14/08]

Riverside Unified School District: Riverside USD officials recently announced that they will eliminate the equivalent of 319 full-time positions for the 2008-09 school year as part of its plans to cut \$26.6 million from its budget, including 172 teachers. The district also rejected a tentative agreement it had reached with teachers in the district which would have given teachers a 6% pay raise. Other cuts in the district include elimination of class size reduction programs in grades K-3, 9, and some language art classes; elimination of the elementary music and school counseling programs; and the elimination of five librarians in each of the district's high schools. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/25/08; *The Desert Sun*, 3/4/08]

Rosedale Union School District (Kern County): Proposed budget cuts in Rosedale of just over \$2 million would equate to the loss of up to 30 teachers, four administration officials and 20 to 30 other staff positions such as secretaries, custodians and food service employees. Cuts could also include the elimination of class-size reduction programs, the district's superintendent recently warned. [*Bakersfield Californian*, 2/20/08; *CBS29-TV* (<http://www.eyeoutforyou.com>), 2/27/08]

Ross Valley School District (Marin County): The small district recently proposed cuts of \$400,000, but will be looking at cutting another \$125,000 in cuts from the current year's budget, and an additional \$500,000 in cuts in 2008-2009. Officials are hosting a series of meetings for parents and community members to prepare them for what is to come. "There are going to be layoffs; there are going to be programs lost" warned the president of the district's school board. The district anticipates needing to seek the help of the community to support programs, both through a local fundraising committee and through a possible parcel tax. [*Marin Independent-Journal*, 2/20/08, 2/26/08]

Saddleback Valley Unified School District: District officials in Saddleback recently proposed a plan to cut \$19.5 million from next year's budget, which would lead to about 170 teachers being laid off. Additionally, class sizes in the district would increase from 20 to 30 students, and programs such as music, sports, and International Baccalaureate would be cut. The district's board recently approved a resolution opposing the governor's proposed cuts, saying they amounted to a "foreclosure of hope for generations of families" and "would damage our public schools." [*Orange County Register*, 2/27/08; *The Capistrano Dispatch*, 2/15/08]

San Bernardino City Unified: The district faces \$17 million in possible cuts next year. And while the impact will be lessened by money the district is receiving from the Quality Education Investment Act, the superintendent still anticipates that of the district's 3,800 teachers, 134 may need to be eliminated due to the state budget cuts, and another 137 due to declining enrollment. [*San Bernardino County Sun*, 2/12/08]

San Bernardino County Schools: Schools in the county face a total of \$226 million in cuts under the proposed state budget, which would result in larger class sizes, layoffs and the possible elimination for programs such as elementary music. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/13/08]

San Diego County Schools: County officials recently warned that the nearly \$360 million in cuts that the county's 42 public school districts stand to face if the proposed budget is approved will "be devastating for all of us." The cuts include \$80 million from the San Diego Unified School District, \$12 million from Sweetwater Union High School District, \$14 million from Poway Unified School District, \$8 million from Vista Unified School District, and \$12 million from the Grossmont Unified School District. These are the largest cuts in state funding since the 1978 passage of Prop. 13. As one official from SDUSD noted, "If we have to cut \$80 million from our budget, the sky will have fallen. It will have fallen on a lot of our children." [*San Diego Union-Tribune*, 2/12/08, 2/13/08]

San Diego Unified School District: The district's new superintendent will take office three months earlier than planned to address the "crisis situation" – the need to prepare for \$80 million in budget cuts being proposed. District officials are concerned that laying off teachers will, in addition to increasing class sizes, have another long-term negative affect: discouraging future potential teachers from entering the profession. And of particular concern is the expected \$9.8 million cut in Special Education funding, which would need to be filled by district dollars, since district are required by law to serve Special Education students. District officials are considering options such as closing small schools; sharing of a single principal over multiple small schools; laying off campus nurses, librarians, middle and high school police officers; laying off more than 50 vice principals; closing the teachers' lending library and media center; turning elementary schools with under 300 students to program managers instead of principals and consolidating bus routes as some of the possible ways to make the needed cuts. [*San Diego Union-Tribune*, 2/12/08, 2/23/08; *Voice of San Diego*, 2/14/08]

San Dieguito Union High School District: The district would need to cut \$3.7 million if the governor's proposed budget is adopted. [*North County Times*, 1/21/08]

San Francisco Unified School District: Facing cuts of as much as \$40 million, the district's school board recently voted to divert \$6 million in money from a measure approved by voters in 2004, intended for buying computers and paying for counselors, to reserves in anticipation of drastic cuts to next year's budget. They also are expected to place another parcel tax measure on the June ballot to bridge the shortfall. In the meantime, the district is working on a deal with the city to draw on its "rainy day" fund to help make up about \$30 million of the cuts. But if that deal is not approved, the district may have to lay off up to 500 teachers. School board members said they "will be marching on Sacramento to fight the budget cuts", but in the meantime are preparing for "a fiscal crisis." [*San Francisco Chronicle*, 1/23/08, 2/12/08; *Los Angeles Times*, 2/21/08]

San Juan Unified School District (Sacramento area): San Juan officials are currently considering laying off 126 teachers and about 19 other staff, reducing athletic offerings and holding off on the replacement of aging school buses in response to the expected cuts in state funding. One trustee warned, "This is the front of the tsunami. This issue is the water receding, and the tsunami is impending." [*Sacramento Bee*, 2/11/08, 2/13/08, 2/29/08]

San Leandro Unified School District: In anticipation of \$4.5 million in lost state funding, the district has already moved to change the day schedule at its one high school as a cost-cutting measure, and is developing a plan to tighten its staff. [*The Daily Review*, 2/11/08]

San Lorenzo Unified School District (Alameda County): Facing a deficit of at least \$5.1 million, the district is proposing tentative funding reductions which include the reduction of at least 20 positions. [*The Daily Review*, 2/11/08]

San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District (Santa Cruz County): District officials in San Lorenzo Valley hope to avoid staff layoffs next year by reversing the previously-approved raises for teachers, aides, librarians and other staff. And while the elimination of these raises should be enough to fill the expected lost state funding for 2008-09, the district has not ruled out the possible need for layoffs in 2009-10 if the state's budget situation continues. [*Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 3/4/08]

San Mateo-Foster City School District: San Mateo County's largest school district is facing the possible layoff of 25 teachers due to the proposed state budget cuts, which could cost the district \$4 million in 2008-09. The president of the local teachers association expressed concern that programs such as special education and the arts will be particularly hard hit, and point out that the teaching staff is "already stretched so thin ... It's the kids who lose out." In addition to teachers, additional staff layoffs are being considered from programs such as program improvement coaching, community day school, instructional coaching and teaching support, classroom music, drama, dance, home economics, visual arts, middle school libraries, computers, counseling and reading support. [*InsideBayArea.com*, 2/20/08; *Examiner.com*, 2/25/08; *San Mateo County Daily Journal*, 3/3/08]

San Rafael City Schools: San Rafael – which runs a joint elementary and high school district – is anticipating cuts of \$2 million from their elementary schools budget, and another \$250,000 from the high school budget. The district plans to issue a resolution regarding teacher layoffs at its next board meeting. [*Marin Independent-Journal*, 2/26/08]

San Ramon Valley Unified School District: Leaders in San Ramon anticipate layoffs will be inevitable, noting the need to cut an estimated \$5.5 million from a roughly \$200 million budget if the governor's proposal is enacted. They are warning parents and students that they can expect more crowded classrooms, fewer counselors and librarians and a heightened threat to art, music and sports programs. [*Contra Costa Times*, 2/8/08]

Santa Ana Unified School District: The district is in the process of adjusting to cuts of \$27 million from its budget, in addition to the \$14.8 million they cut in December, 2007 and \$98 million cut since 2004. 573 teachers will be receiving layoff notices, and class size reduction programs may be eliminated in all 36 of the district's elementary schools [*Orange County Register*, 1/25/08, 2/27/08, 2/29/08]

Santa Cruz City School District: Parents, teachers and school board members in Santa Cruz recently rallied to protest the Governor's proposed cuts to education funding. One parent pointed out that "school budgets are already down to shoestrings" between shouts of "2-4-6-8, fully fund Prop. 98." [*Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 2/9/08]

Santa Cruz County Schools: Educators from the county's 10 school districts are warning that the governor's proposed cuts in state funding could lead to combined cuts of \$22 million to county schools. A recent news report noted that "[County] educators are especially decrying the effects of cuts on English learners, arts and music programs and accelerated classes. These are the initiatives teachers say really define – more so than No Child Left Behind test scores – how well schools are accomplishing their core mission of offering high-quality, equally accessible education to every student regardless of aptitude and socio-economic conditions." [*Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 2/17/08]

Santa Maria-Bonita School District: Facing a possible cut of \$4.8 million from its budget, the district warns that it and other central coast districts face substantial layoffs, larger class sizes and a sharp reduction in programs. [*Santa Maria Times*, 2/9/08]

Santa Maria High School District: The district faces \$2 million in possible cuts if the Governor's proposed budget were enacted. [*Santa Maria Times*, 2/9/08]

Santa Rosa City Schools: One district leader noted at a recent meeting that "we are looking at some really draconian cuts in the future" if the governor's proposals are enacted. Under the current proposal, the district would lose \$487,000 this year, and would face \$3.7 million in cuts for 2008-09. [*Santa Rosa Press-Democrat*, 1/24/08]

Sierra Sands Unified School District: This district's board of education recently passed a resolution opposing the governor's proposed cuts, which would translate into \$69,000 for the Ridgecrest Charter School alone. That school anticipates that the state could suspend sending funds to the school from July through September of this year, which gives leaders very little time to prepare for the cuts. [*The Daily Independent*, 1/23/08, 2/22/08]

Simi Valley Unified School District: The district's board is preparing for \$360 million in midyear cuts alone, and figures to lose up to another \$850,000 next year. District staff are in the process of outlining proposed cuts to make up that shortfall, which include cuts to class-size reduction, school libraries, school counselors, special education, transportation, child nutrition, and summer school. [*The Simi Valley Acorn*, 2/8/08]

Siskiyou Union High School District: The district is estimating a loss of \$175,000 next year if the governor's proposal is passed, and the district is preparing for the worst case scenario, looking at current staffing and programs. [*Mt. Shasta News*, 1/23/08]

Sonoma Valley Unified School District: The relatively small district may need to cut \$300,000 from next year's budget. Cuts being considered include reductions in library hours, transportation funding, sports and other extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the district will consider reorganization, school closures and school calendar year options as potential areas of savings. [*Sonoma Index-Tribune*, 2/11/08]

South San Francisco Unified School District: The district estimates the need to cut \$5.7 million from its budget through next year, including losses of \$260,000 in unrestricted funds this year, another possible \$3.8 million next year, and about \$1.1 million in special education funding. [*San Mateo County Daily Journal*, 2/12/08, 3/3/08; *InsideBayArea.com*, 2/12/08]

Stockton Unified School District: Stockton's superintendent sent a letter to the district's teachers recently to inform them of the possibility of layoffs, noting, "I deeply regret that you must endure this heartless process." The district is projecting the loss of \$10 million in state funding, and may have to lay off up to 100 teachers. Of special concern to one official is the governor's proposed cuts to funding for Special Education. Districts are required by law to provide Special Education students with services, so it will be required to come up with additional funding to backfill that loss. [*Stockton Record*, 2/26/08]

Temecula Valley Unified School District: Nearly 400 people recently crowded into a meeting at which district officials discussed ways to trim \$10 million from the district's budget. The possible cut most discussed at the meeting was the possible elimination of the K-3 class size reduction program, which the district says would save \$3.5 million and further savings from teacher layoffs. The president of the local teachers' association noted that such talk is already impacting teacher morale, and the district superintendent admitted that "four or five months of living without knowing if you have a job is a terrible way to live." Other proposed cuts included reducing classified employees' school year by three days, cutting home-to-school transportation for regular education students, eliminating teacher prep. time, reducing custodial services and closing two elementary schools with low enrollment. [*North County Times*, 2/9/08; *Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 2/26/08]

Tracy Unified School District: Facing the possible loss of between \$6.3 and \$7.5 million in state funding next year, the school board is already undertaking cutting \$5.2 million from the district's budget for 2008-09. And officials estimate that the same amount would need to be cut from the following two years' budgets as well to keep the district solvent, should the Governor's proposed cuts be enacted. That is a total of \$15.6 million in cuts over a three-year period. Current suggested cuts include laying off substitute bus drivers, kindergarten aides, four assistant principals, and maintenance workers. District officials promise to attempt to keep the cuts away from the classroom, but said that won't be easy, as cuts of about \$4 million in the past decade have already left the district's budget lean. [*Tracy Press*, 2/9/08, 2/12/08, 2/25/08]

Upland Unified School District (San Bernardino County): Upland district officials are looking to cut \$4.2 million from their budget, and say that layoffs in the management ranks will occur. The district is not anticipating any teacher layoffs in 2008-09, but they may be required in 2009-10 if budget conditions do not improve. [*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, 3/1/08]

Val Verde Unified School District (Perris, Moreno Valley): The district anticipates eliminating as many as 20 teaching positions in 2008-09, including elementary music and special education teachers. The district superintendent has also suggested delaying the opening of an almost-complete new elementary school in Perris to save the district money for operating costs. [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 1/17/08]

Vallejo City Unified School District: The Vallejo district, already trying to repay the state for a \$60 million bailout from 2004, warns that it may run out of cash to pay teachers this fall without a short-term loan from an outside source. And this is before they slash the estimated \$6 million that the district will lose in state funding if the proposed cuts are made. Layoff notices will be sent this March to 65 teachers, all district principals and vice principals, 11 school psychologists, 8 child care center managers and all management staff. The impact of these cuts is likely to be felt for several years to come and may very well throw the district, which just regained partial control from the state last year, back into the financial control that led to the state takeover in the first place. The district's board recently joined many others in passing a resolution urging the governor to reconsider his proposed cuts. [*KCBS 740 AM*, 2/21/08; *Vallejo-Benicia-American Canyon Times-Herald*, 2/10/08, 2/22/08; *KPIX-TV (CBS5.com)*, 2/29/08]

Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District: The district faces \$4 million in cuts if the governor's proposed budget is adopted, and is considering the closure of an elementary school. The superintendent calls the cuts "devastating" and notes that the district has already scaled back its spending dramatically over the past five or six years. District officials have already decided not to renew next year's contract with temporary teachers, and warn that further layoffs will likely be needed by the time the final budget is approved. [*North County Times*, 1/21/08, 2/13/08]

Ventura Unified School District: For VUSD, midyear cuts to the 2007-08 budget have already meant a loss of \$1 million. And if the governor's proposed budget is enacted, they anticipate the loss of another \$7 million in 2008-09. [*Ventura County Star*, 3/2/08]

Visalia Unified School District: A group of educators from VUSD – including the district's superintendent, assistant superintendent, president of the board of trustees, president of the local teachers association and the president of the district's Parent Teacher Association – recently joined together and traveled to the State Capitol at their own expense to lobby their legislators to protect education funding and keep any necessary cuts in education funding away from the classroom. [*Visalia Times-Delta*, 3/1/08]

Vista Unified School District: The Vista USD recently handed out layoff notices to 133 staff members – 120 K-3 teachers, seven assistant principals, three school psychologists, two speech-and-language employees, and a special-education staff member. District officials estimate that the governor's proposed cuts could mean a loss of \$6.4 million for VUSD, which could lead to a deficit for the district of \$8-\$12 million next year. [*San Diego Union-Tribune*, 2/23/08]

West Contra Costa Unified School District: School officials in this district have already eliminated 11 jobs in anticipation of a possible \$10 million budget shortfall. And as their board president noted recently, "This is beginning of the bloodletting, not the end." The district's Citizens Budget Advisory Committee is looking at options for further cuts at this time, including further layoffs and the possible closure of under-enrolled schools. [*Contra Costa Times*, 2/8/08, 3/1/08]

Western Placer Unified School District (Lincoln): The district expects to cut \$360 million from its current-year budget, and expect the impending cuts in state revenue to impact a salary and benefits adjustment that had been planned for staff in 2008-09 in order to bring the district's compensation up to par with surrounding districts. [*Lincoln Messenger*, 1/17/08]

Woodland Joint Unified School District: Facing \$1.8 million in cuts to the district budget, Woodland's district leadership has concluded that a recently-approved raise for some staff will no longer be possible. The district recently implemented a hiring freeze in an effort to avoid layoffs this year beyond the 9 teachers that the district anticipates needing to lay off due to declining enrollment in the district. Other proposed cuts to bridge the expected loss of state funding include holding several vacant positions open for another year, and reducing several administrative program budgets. [*Woodland Daily Democrat*, 2/9/08, 2/17/08; 3/1/08]