

- If we are going to talk about improving public education, we have to talk about funding public education.

- The American Jobs Act would also target \$3 billion for the renovation, repair and upgrade of our neighborhood schools—30% of which are over 50 years old. These funds would also create construction jobs that would help get the state economy back on track.
- To turn this economy around we need to invest in our neighborhood schools. President Obama's American Jobs Act would provide California over \$3 billion, giving our schools a much-needed power boost by rehiring and protecting the jobs of 37,000 teachers and other educators who provide essential services to our students and help keep class sizes from growing larger.

Supporting the American Jobs Act

CTA Joins Fight to Promote Tax Fairness and Job Opportunities

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Promoting Tax Fairness

It's time to put our students and public schools first. Banks are being bailed out and the middle class and poor are being shut out. The health of California's public schools and colleges depends on stable tax revenues.

- The bottom 20% of wage earners in California pay 11% of their income in taxes, while the top 1% of wage earners pay under 8%. Corporate income has grown over 400% in seven years, while personal income for the middle class has grown just 28%.
- Tax fairness is a top priority for CTA, and we believe the only way out of our current economic crisis is by investing in education and creating job opportunities for America's working class.
- It's time to demand action to restore fairness to the system and make sure everyone is paying their fair share.
- That is why we are joining the national "Occupy Wall Street" movement and will be promoting tax fairness at "California Occupy" events and calling on lawmakers to support President Obama's American Jobs Act.
- The growing inequality and concentration of corporate power and executive wealth undermine the foundations of our democracy and the future of public schools and colleges.