

PreK-12 Public Education

Funding Our Future



What's happening?



San Franciscans support public education. While state education funding has decreased over the past ten years, local funding of our local schools has grown dramatically through voter-approved ballot initiatives and other local support.

Still, San Francisco Unified School District predicts a **budget deficit of at least \$113 million** over the next two years, **due to massive budget cuts at the state level.** 44 other states spend more per pupil than California, including New Jersey (\$6,144 more per pupil) and New York (\$5,732 more per pupil) (*Education Week*, January 14, 2010).

Local school districts are at the mercy of the state budget. Our complicated, state-controlled funding system paralyzes school districts.

A 2/3 supermajority requirement to pass the state budget, raise state revenues, and pass a local parcel tax is a **huge hurdle for adequate and stable education funding.** California is one of only three states to have this budget threshold requirement in its constitution.

Why does it matter to me?



Every child deserves a quality education and every year in a child's education counts.

Great teachers are heroes who must be supported as the trained professional they are.

Our future depends on it. San Francisco's future relies on the quality of our public schools and the success of all our children.

What can I do about it?



Be a part of the Funding Our Future Town Hall on February 25th at fundingourfuturesf.com.

Rally for California's Future. Join UESF, educators, and students from throughout the state on March 4th to send a message Sacramento on the Statewide Day of Action. Find out more at www.uesf.org/defend/march-4.html.

Call your legislator and tell them **not to cut education.** Organize with other community members to stop the cuts at fundingourfuturesf.com/state_legislators.

Support lowering the majority threshold for approving a state budget at californiansfordemocracy.com and **sign up to receive Legislative Action Alerts** from the California State PTA at capta.org.

Sign a petition to get the "Local Control of Local Schools Funding Act" measure on the November state ballot at improveschoolfunding.com and continue to **support local revenue measures.**

Get involved. Give time, skills and money to public schools. Your donation will **make a direct impact on children now.** There are many organizations working with schools. You can find some of them listed at YourSFPublicSchools.org.