

- ❖ **81 advocates in the Capitol today, representing 150,000 PTA members.**
- ❖ **Volunteering 4 million hours in our public schools in 2009, valued at \$71 million.**
 - California's more than 9 million children are our future. It is our duty to protect their well-being and invest in their education.
 - In the past two years, the state has cut \$17 billion from schools, and deep cuts to social services have added to the burden borne by the children and families most in need of help.
 - Investing in children benefits *all* California taxpayers.
 - The majority of Californians *support new revenues* to protect our schools from further cuts. It's time to listen to the majority of Californians. It's time to allow the Legislature to adopt a state budget with a majority vote, and to allow the public to adopt local school funding measures with a majority vote.
 - **The time is NOW.** Our children do not have the luxury of waiting without devastating consequences.

Saddleback Valley PTA represents 32,000 Students We have already endured MASSIVE cuts.

- 07-08 \$5,000,000.00 in cuts
Primarily reduction in staff & services
- 08-09 \$13,200,000 in cuts
Reduction in staff, services & programs. Students saw increases in class size
- 09-10 \$9,700,000 in cuts
Reduction in staff, closures of schools, loss of librarians, counselors and vital programs. Students saw additional increases class sizes.
- 10-11 Facing estimated \$33,000,000 in cuts
Staff is facing **Drastic Reductions** in salary and benefits, **Vital Programs** will be eliminated, and **Student Safety** will be at risk.

There is NOTHING left to cut...
We have already been CUT TO THE CORE!



We are asking you to...
Not manipulate Prop 98!
Give us Flexibility & Local Control!