

**CUCPTSA
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2008/09**

LOCAL

1. Advocate for the continued priority of smaller class sizes for grades K-12.
2. Facilitate increased communication between CUSD parent base, Board of Trustees and CUSD Administration so that CUSD can deliver a continually improving education to all students of CUSD.
3. Advocate for school safety. Urge CUSD to continue to adopt policies that promote safe and nurturing environments in all school sites.

STATE

1. **Advocate for California K-12 School Finance Reform**
 - Continue full funding of Education, based on Proposition 98 as required by law, and provide full reimbursement of state mandated programs.
 - Allow for greater local school district control and flexibility in operational and financial decision making.
 - Provide full, immediate and permanent Equalization of school funding for all districts statewide.
 - Restructure school funding formulas so that no districts are at a funding disadvantage and are able to rely on more consistent and certain funding from year to year
2. **Advocate for School Program Reform and Support Throughout California**
 - Request continued financial and curricular support for proven programs at all levels for students, e.g., Gifted and Talented Education, music and arts, International Baccalaureate classes and requirements, Advanced Placement classes, and Career Technical Education.
 - Promote expansion of counseling services, both academic and personal, for all students.
 - Maintain K-3 Class Size Reduction at 20 students per class and advocate for smaller class sizes to no more than 25 students for grades 4-12.

FEDERAL

1. Advocate for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - Urge Congress to increase funding of the costs associated with complying with IDEA, per the commitment Congress made in 1975 when the law was originally enacted to provide IDEA with federal funding of 40%
 - Increase communication with CUSD special education teachers, staff and families
 - Raise awareness about the effects of decreased IDEA funding on the entire CUSD student population.

2. Advocate for the Reform of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)
 - Urge Congress to expand and strengthen the parent involvement provisions in the reauthorization of NCLB
 - Support the adoption of growth models, increased attention to the arts, transparency in state accountability and helping teachers remain highly qualified.