

## SACRAMENTO TRIP – DECEMBER 11, 2008

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

by: Kim Anderson

#### Attendees:

Kim Anderson – CUCPTSA Legislative Chair;  
Leg Chair, Dana Hills HS & Niguel Hills MS  
Kathy Fisher – CUCPTSA State Legislative Co-Chair  
Leg Chair, Aliso Niguel HS  
Lori Abott - Leg Chair, Wagon Wheel Elementary  
Ankie Camacho - Leg Chair, San Juan Elementary  
Alli Maier - Leg Chair, Marco Forster MS & Malcom Elementary  
Cheryl Stein - Leg Chair, Moulton Elementary

#### Meetings held with:

Robert Miyashiro - Vice President, School Services of California, Inc.  
Rachel Ehlers & Edgar Cabal - Legislative Analyst Office  
Pat Dingsdale & Paul Richman - California State PTA  
Rick Simpson, Deputy Chief of Staff to Assembly Speaker, Karen Bass  
Paul Navarro, Deputy legislative Secretary to Governor Schwarzenegger

#### Highlights:

Budget deficit at approximately \$42 billion over next 18 months.

Education Coalition can no longer say, “No cuts to education.” Has to advocate for way cuts should be made.

- The most serious problem the state currently faces is the inability to secure a loan. The credit market needs to feel confident California can repay a loan.
- The mid-year budget solution must come sooner than later, and be viable, or the state will start issuing IOUs.
- These IOU’s will extend all the way up to schools if state runs out of cash.
- California should amend constitution to provide for a majority budget passage (like all but 3 other states) from the current 2/3 required.
- The public needs to hear a message that will help them understand just how serious this situation is...for example a 2– 3 week furlough.
- If it is all cuts and no increased revenue, education will take a much bigger hit
- Lot of discussion about rolling categoricals into thematic block grants.
- The impasse on the current budget and mid-year cuts makes it difficult for the governor’s staff to proceed on the 2009/10 budget proposal due January 9, 2009. However, it is expected that the proposal will feature targeted cuts to programs and services versus last year’s across the board cut.

#### Quote of the day:

- “Public must hear a tangible message that is understandable” (Robert Miyashiro).

