

Phone Script- Federal Elected Official

Fully Fund K-12 Public Education

“Hi! My name is _____ and I live in _____(city)_____. (If you have children currently enrolled in school, you can say what school district)

I am calling today to express my concerns regarding the financial impact of COVID-19 on our state’s budget which directly affects our schools and our children. I am asking that _____(name of your elected official) _____ to support additional federal funding through the Education Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$175 billion dollars. These dollars will be used to provide our students with intervention programs to address learning gaps due to school closures, reopen the schools safely, which could mean needing additional staff, disinfectant supplies, masks, and hand sanitizer, reduce class sizes and hire additional teachers. Thank you so much for your time!”

(The representative taking your call will document your comments and that information will be instrumental when your elected is making voting decisions! So thank you! Your phone calls and messages do make a difference!)

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“Hi! My name is _____ and I live in _____(city)_____. (if you have children currently enrolled in school, you can say what school district)

I am calling today to express my concerns regarding the financial impacts of COVID-19 on our state’s budget which will directly affect our schools and our children. I am asking _____(name of your state elected)_____ to support public education by not voting for any cuts to it. We need you to make every effort to shield schools from cuts below the current year. Our schools can not withstand a cut of approximately \$18 billion dollars to the Prop 98 minimum guarantee and will not be able to provide the basic educational needs under those circumstances.

For constituents in CUSD, here is some info you can provide to the representative for both Federal and State answering your phone call:

“At the moment, it looks as if the cuts to education come across as a \$35.5 MILLION cut to Capistrano Unified. This is significant. This is over a 7% cut in a single year to our district budget and we were already significantly underfunded for providing the basic educational needs of our students (CUSD is funded at a rate of 48th in the nation - it is horrible, and a battle we have been fight to increase funding for years.) With the cuts that have to be made we will most likely end up funded at 50th in the nation, not exactly something to brag about, but is our reality. Thank you so much for your time!” (The representative taking your call will document your comments and that information will be instrumental when your elected is making voting decisions! So thank you! Your phone calls and messages do make a difference!)