

# CTA Call for Action

**PHASE 3 - 21 July 2009**

**Call Your Legislators and the Governor Today!  
Urge Them to Approve the Budget Compromise That  
Protects Prop. 98 and Restores \$11.3B to Schools!**

**Use CTA's Special *Hotline* Number to Reach Lawmakers.**

**1-888-268-4334**

- If you are calling from your home landline phone, the toll-free number will connect you automatically to your Assembly member or State Senator.
- If the hotline cannot read your number, it will ask you to enter your zip code and then you will be connected.

### ***Once You are Connected...***

- Ask to speak to the Assembly Member or Senator. If he/she is not available, leave a message with the legislator's staff or record a message on the answering machine.
- Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent living in the district, as well as a classroom teacher/education support professional/or college instructor.
- Leave your contact information so the lawmakers or their staff can get back to you.

### ***Make These Important Points to Legislators!***

- Vote "Yes" on the Budget Compromise that protects Proposition 98 and the "maintenance factor." The plan commits the state to repay schools about \$11.3 billion in future years to restore the cuts.
- Support the compromise because *it rejects the governor's original proposal to suspend Proposition 98.* The suspension of that CTA-initiated constitutional protection for schools could have paved the way to virtually unlimited education cuts.
- California's public schools are being hit by another **\$6 billion** cut on top of the record **\$12 billion already cut!** These are the largest education slashes since the Great Depression. *The problem will only get worse if this compromise doesn't pass.*
- Approve this budget compromise now so local school districts can move forward and get ready for the new school year.

***Then, Call the Governor at His Offices!***

Then [fax \(916.325.1584\)](tel:916.325.1584) or [e-mail \(lfeldman@cta.org\)](mailto:lfeldman@cta.org) Legislative Relations to let us know what the elected officials say.

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