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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD MAKE DEEP CUTS IN FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Governor Schwarzenegger's May Revision to his 2008-09 Proposed Budget would cut funding by \$3.9 billion for California's public schools, which serve 5.9 million students. The proposed 2008-09 cuts to K-12 education translate into a reduction of \$665 per student. Proposed reductions include a \$2.1 billion cut to K-12 apportionments, which provide general operating support for local school districts, and \$1.7 billion in reductions to various "categorical" programs, which target resources to specific services, such as Special Education and K-3 Class Size Reduction. This analysis examines the impact at the county level of \$2.7 billion (67.6 percent) of the total proposed cuts, including reductions to K-12 apportionments, Special Education, K-3 Class Size Reduction, Economic Impact Aid, and the Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant. The analysis excludes the impact of the Governor's proposed cuts to many categorical programs, such as his proposed \$222.6 million reduction to deferred maintenance.¹ The impact of cuts excluded from this analysis translates into a loss of \$215 for each student in California's public schools. An estimate of the impact of the Governor's proposed reductions by school district is available at www.cbp.org/Impactbycounty.htm.

Proposed May Revision Budget Balancing Reductions to K-12 Apportionments and Selected Categorical Programs, 2008-09					
County	Apportionments and Selected Categorical Reductions	Selected Reductions Per Student*	County	Apportionments and Selected Categorical Reductions	Selected Reductions Per Student*
Alameda	\$90,227,000	\$467	Orange	\$203,891,000	\$428
Alpine	\$113,000	\$940	Placer	\$24,149,000	\$412
Amador	\$1,905,000	\$422	Plumas	\$176,000	\$70
Butte	\$13,324,000	\$456	Riverside	\$170,375,000	\$444
Calaveras	\$1,936,000	\$320	Sacramento	\$98,759,000	\$462
Colusa	\$2,130,000	\$496	San Benito	\$4,936,000	\$454
Contra Costa	\$70,138,000	\$445	San Bernardino	\$178,935,000	\$452
Del Norte	\$1,683,000	\$463	San Diego	\$204,015,000	\$469
El Dorado	\$11,678,000	\$433	San Francisco	\$29,196,000	\$566
Fresno	\$81,007,000	\$463	San Joaquin	\$56,615,000	\$459
Glenn	\$2,579,000	\$467	San Luis Obispo	\$11,790,000	\$354
Humboldt	\$7,706,000	\$467	San Mateo	\$26,520,000	\$336
Imperial	\$16,123,000	\$467	Santa Barbara	\$26,078,000	\$424
Inyo	\$1,152,000	\$397	Santa Clara	\$91,886,000	\$384

¹ The CBP's analysis does not include cuts to county offices of education.

County	Apportionments and Selected Categorical Reductions	Selected Reductions Per Student*	County	Apportionments and Selected Categorical Reductions	Selected Reductions Per Student*
Kern	\$77,918,000	\$490	Santa Cruz	\$14,327,000	\$434
Kings	\$11,250,000	\$467	Shasta	\$11,399,000	\$451
Lake	\$4,195,000	\$453	Sierra	\$283,000	\$552
Lassen	\$2,030,000	\$463	Siskiyou	\$2,850,000	\$486
Los Angeles	\$779,609,000	\$505	Solano	\$28,515,000	\$442
Madera	\$12,565,000	\$472	Sonoma	\$28,580,000	\$457
Marin	\$6,827,000	\$251	Stanislaus	\$44,714,000	\$459
Mariposa	\$1,031,000	\$462	Sutter	\$7,490,000	\$450
Mendocino	\$5,308,000	\$445	Tehama	\$4,777,000	\$459
Merced	\$24,537,000	\$462	Trinity	\$927,000	\$494
Modoc	\$871,000	\$549	Tulare	\$40,914,000	\$466
Mono	\$452,000	\$268	Tuolumne	\$3,132,000	\$460
Monterey	\$28,823,000	\$444	Ventura	\$60,610,000	\$450
Napa	\$6,687,000	\$401	Yolo	\$12,433,000	\$447
Nevada	\$4,556,000	\$445	Yuba	\$5,606,000	\$462
			Total	\$2,662,243,000	\$461

* Per student reductions are calculated using districts' total average daily attendance in 2006-07, which does not include students enrolled at charter schools funded through the Charter School Categorical Block Grant Program.

Note: Budget balancing reductions to K-12 districts' revenue limit apportionments are allocated based on each school district's 2006-07 revenue limit apportionment as a share of total revenue limit apportionments for all school districts. However, reductions to K-12 revenue limit apportionments are not allocated to districts that did not receive state dollars for K-12 revenue limit apportionments (basic aid districts) in 2006-07. Budget balancing reductions to Special Education are allocated based on each districts' share of total district average daily attendance in 2006-07 even though special education funds are allocated on a multi-district basis. County offices of education were not included in the budget balancing reduction calculations for K-12 revenue limit apportionments or Special Education. Reductions to K-3 Class Size Reduction, Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant, and Economic Impact Aid are allocated based on the share of funding counties received for these programs in 2006-07. Selected categorical programs do not reflect the \$222.6 million reduction to deferred maintenance proposed in the May Revision. Data are rounded to the nearest \$1,000 and may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of California Department of Education and Department of Finance data