

10 Quick Things You Can Do To Make a Difference in Education Funding

We have put together a list of things you can DO to make a difference for the children of California, and the future of our state. If you feel energetic and inspired, you can do more than one thing, but you don't have to devote your life to this in order to effect change. Take a look at the list we have put together below and:

- choose one thing you think you could do
- commit to doing it
- follow through

1. Tell a friend about what you know

Perhaps the single most important thing you can do right now is to share your knowledge and start discussions!

2. Vote!

The election in November will affect education. Be sure you know the issues and candidates and how they will influence the future of CA schools.

3. Sign up at www.lastrampaspta.org

Lots of important legislative business will be happening over the summer. The best way to stay informed is to join our distribution list so you can get "Action Alerts" when something important is happening.

4. Go to a PTA/PTO or Neighborhood Meeting and Share What You Know

These are important issues, which affect all of us, but it is easy to feel intimidated by the information. Starting discussions with others can go a long way toward bringing us all into the process.

5. Write to Newspapers

Share your concerns and opinions with your community members.

Contra Costa Times

letters@cctimes.com

The Times, P.O. Box 8099

Walnut Creek, CA, 94596

fax to 925-943-8362

6, 7, 8. Write a Letter, Send a Fax, or Make a Phone Call

Make your opinion known to our elected officials! Here are some addresses:

Governor Schwarzenegger	Senator Torlakson
Constituent Affairs	State Capitol
State Capitol	Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814	Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-2841	(916) 445-6083
(916) 445-4633 (fax)	(916) 445-2527 (fax)
governor@governor.ca.gov	senator.torlakson@sen.ca.gov

Representative Hancock
State Capitol
Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 94249
(916) 319-2014
(916) 319-2114 (fax)
assemblymember.hancock@assembly.ca.gov

9. Get One Person to Go to Advocacy Day Next Year

Whether that person is you or someone else, get one person to commit to going next year

10. Pick One Issue, Learn More About It

No one can be an expert on everything, but anyone can learn more about one thing.

Pick an issue, piece of legislation, or term and educate yourself about it. Here are some links that might help:

www.edsource.org

www.lao.ca.gov