

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FAIR AND ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

- ▶ **Fully fund, protect and restore Proposition 98.**
- ▶ Permit greater flexibility in staffing K-3 Class Size Reduction using a school-wide average of 20:1.
- ▶ **Increase California school funding to at least the national average.**
- ▶ Support statewide school facilities bonds.
- ▶ **Raise state funding for all districts to the 95th percentile within three years.**
- ▶ Increase funding for Class Size Reduction at grades K-3 and 9, and expand it to other grade levels in future.
- ▶ **Fully fund all state and federal mandates.**
- ▶ Enact funding formulas based on enrollment instead of attendance.
- ▶ **Increase local control for school boards in high performing districts.**
- ▶ Adjust funding formulas for unified districts to reflect higher costs of educating secondary students.
- ▶ Lower the parcel tax threshold for passage to 55%.
- ▶ Provide funding to increase staff development opportunities.

FULL FUNDING FOR FEDERAL AND STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATES

- ▶ Provide 40% federal funding to be phased in over 5 years and designate IDEA as a mandatory federal program.
- ▶ Provide full state funding for each special education student ages 3-22.
- ▶ Ensure Mental Health Services be provided by the County at a level meeting legal mandates.
- ▶ Prohibit state interception of federal dollars intended for local districts.



FULL FUNDING AND ALIGNMENT WITH STATE STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW

- ▶ Fully fund No Child Left Behind Law.
- ▶ Streamline the federal system of accountability.
- ▶ Exclude from the 95 % participation standard students whose parents choose not to have their children tested.
- ▶ Accept teachers who are certified by California as "highly qualified."