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

As part of his proposal to close the 2008-09 and 2009-10 budget gaps, Governor Schwarzenegger would cut funding for California's public schools, which serve 5.9 million students, by a total of \$5.2 billion – a reduction of \$875 per student. This analysis examines the local impact of \$4.3 billion (84.2 percent) of the proposed cuts, the amount that would reduce K-12 apportionments, which provide general operating support for local school districts.¹

Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposal to Reduce K-12 Apportionments, 2008-09 and 2009-10							
County	Reductions to K-12 Apportionments	K-12 Apportionment Reductions Per Student*	County	Reductions to K-12 Apportionments	K-12 Apportionment Reductions Per Student*		
Alameda	\$152,035,000	\$788	Orange	\$344,648,000	\$730		
Alpine	\$0	\$0	Placer	\$44,313,000	\$740		
Amador	\$3,431,000	\$776	Plumas	\$0	\$0		
Butte	\$22,874,000	\$794	Riverside	\$305,909,000	\$784		
Calaveras	\$3,089,000	\$515	Sacramento	\$167,499,000	\$790		
Colusa	\$3,654,000	\$852	San Benito	\$8,668,000	\$800		
Contra Cost	a \$122,910,000	\$781	San Bernardino	\$307,764,000	\$783		
Del Norte	\$2,827,000	\$779	San Diego	\$323,197,000	\$745		
El Dorado	\$20,992,000	\$785	San Francisco	\$39,387,000	\$780		
Fresno	\$137,951,000	\$787	San Joaquin	\$96,452,000	\$782		
Glenn	\$4,528,000	\$828	San Luis Obispo	\$20,009,000	\$604		
Humboldt	\$13,351,000	\$830	San Mateo	\$41,771,000	\$529		
Imperial	\$27,209,000	\$790	Santa Barbara	\$42,539,000	\$696		
Inyo	\$1,781,000	\$629	Santa Clara	\$126,584,000	\$533		
Kern	\$135,881,000	\$846	Santa Cruz	\$23,935,000	\$730		
Kings	\$19,059,000	\$790	Shasta	\$19,992,000	\$805		
Lake	\$7,305,000	\$804	Sierra	\$524,000	\$1,092		
Lassen	\$3,605,000	\$838	Siskiyou	\$5,093,000	\$890		
Los Angeles	\$1,181,535,000	\$783	Solano	\$49,571,000	\$774		
Madera	\$21,825,000	\$810	Sonoma	\$48,248,000	\$786		
Marin	\$9,945,000	\$362	Stanislaus	\$76,352,000	\$795		

¹ The CBP's analysis excludes cuts to county offices of education and certain K-12 programs, such as the High Priority Schools Grant Program and child care programs.

County	Reductions to K-12 Apportionments	K-12 Apportionment Reductions Per Student*	County	Reductions to K-12 Apportionments	K-12 Apportionment Reductions Per Student*
Mariposa	\$1,850,000	\$845	Sutter	\$13,197,000	\$786
Mendocino	\$9,031,000	\$775	Tehama	\$8,420,000	\$814
Merced	\$41,800,000	\$792	Trinity	\$1,668,000	\$932
Modoc	\$1,596,000	\$1,010	Tulare	\$69,851,000	\$792
Mono	\$0	\$0	Tuolumne	\$4,799,000	\$730
Monterey	\$48,600,000	\$751	Ventura	\$104,908,000	\$784
Napa	\$9,246,000	\$553	Yolo	\$21,751,000	\$781
Nevada	\$6,995,000	\$699	Yuba	\$9,764,000	\$786
			Total	\$4,341,717,000	\$759

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

Note: Reductions to K-12 districts' revenue limit apportionments are allocated based on each school district's 2007-08 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 2007-08. County offices of education were excluded from the calculations of reductions to K-12 revenue limit apportionments. K-12 apportionments 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