

Defend Equal Access to Quality Education for All!

“No Cuts to Education - K-12 to the Universities”

Thursday, March 4 at 5pm

Rally in San Francisco – Civic Center Plaza

It is time for us to stand together to defend education.

- In the elementary schools, class sizes are going up, and programs are being cut. In many schools art, music and P.E. programs have been eliminated. Schools are being closed or transferred to private companies to run as charter schools.
- Middle schools and high schools are overcrowded with fewer resources and support systems for students and teachers.
- The community colleges are canceling classes, cutting counseling and other support services. Tens of thousands of students are being denied access to this essential education.
- The UCs and CSUs are doing the same, cutting jobs and classes and raising fees beyond the reach of most people in the state.

This attack on the children and youth is an attack on us all. It is an attack on our future.

- People across the state have been under attack – with layoffs, falling wages, unemployment and evictions. And there are fewer public services to provide any support.
- We often face these attacks alone, but education unites us all. We need to stand together. We must stand together. We are the family, friends, neighbors, teachers, staff and students who make up this system of education. We are more than six million students in the K-12 system, nearly three million community college students, and 670,000 students in the CSUs and UCs. Mobilized together, we can be a powerful force.
- We have a choice in front of us. People across the state know that something needs to be done. We face a looming budget deficit for the years ahead and the attacks will continue. Meanwhile we live in a state with enormous wealth, home to multi-billion dollar banks and corporations.
- We have an opportunity to stand together and begin to organize and mobilize our forces. Our future and the future of young people across the state and nation is at stake. What happens next depends on us all.

Join us 5pm Thursday, March 4th (assemble at 4:30)

Civic Center San Francisco (Civic Center BART)



Contact us: www.againstcuts.org

March 4th All Education Rally

5:00pm at Civic Center in San Francisco

Be An Organizer at Your School – Make It Easy For People To Get Involved

Many people are against the cuts and want to do something but may not know what to do. Here are some ideas to propose to them.

- Talk to everyone you know at your school and ask them to help out.
- Put up posters around campus for everyone to see and leave fliers in as many places on campus as you can.
- Classroom announcements are the best way to get students involved. Also give students fliers with info on next meetings and events. People from your classes already know you and people are more likely to go to an event where they know someone.
- Passing out fliers is a good way to find new people, but you have to engage people in a conversation. Tell them about the budget cuts. Don't just hand them a piece of paper. Let them know how these cuts affect them, and that they have a right to stand up against the cuts.
- Set up a table with information including fliers, buttons, t-shirts, and packets. Don't stay behind the table -- get out there and talk to people.
- Be sure to have a sign-up sheet to collect e-mail addresses to keep people informed on upcoming meetings and events. Contact them right away.
- Have an event in the most traversed place on campus, at the time when most students are out of class, so there will be more people around, and it will be easier to find those who are interested in taking action.

Other Things To Do – Don't Miss Any Opportunities

Education is everyone's concern. If we want to build a movement against the budget cuts we have to reach out beyond our schools to everyone we know.

- Have a bag with thumbtacks, tape, fliers, posters, sign up sheets, buttons, and packets wherever you are going.
- Collect names and numbers and emails. But also encourage people to be active themselves not to just wait to hear from you.
- Talk to everyone you know – co-workers, family, neighbors, and friends. Ask them to help out by taking fliers and buttons and packets and getting the word out about the March 4th rally to everyone they know. Get them to help out.
- Take cuts info into your workplace and discuss what you are doing with your co-workers. Put up posters or leave fliers around if you can.
- Put fliers in your neighbor's mailboxes.
- If you go to bookstores, other stores, cafes, libraries, churches, clinics, laundromats, community organizations, etc. put fliers up on bulletin boards or leave some there if you can.
- If you are riding BART, hand out fliers in your BART car or hand them out at the station for 10 minutes on either end of your ride.
- If you are going to a club, a meeting, a movie, a theater, a farmer's market or a sports event -- hand out fliers before and after the event.
- While waiting in a line, give fliers out to the other people waiting with you.

