



MAIN POINTS ON THE 2012-13 BUDGET PROPOSAL

These are unprecedented times for education in California. Funding for our schools is now 20 percent lower than it was in 2008. At no time in history have we had such high expectations for our schools and students with so few resources to meet them.

ACSA believes that \$18 billion in cuts to education during the last three years have caused irreparable harm to generations of students.

We've said all along that the California's budget shouldn't be balanced on the backs of our students. We've also been clear that ongoing cuts to education funding show that more revenues are necessary. ACSA's goal is to work with the Administration and lawmakers to address the ongoing need for new revenues in 2012-13 for our schools and students.

We acknowledge that the Governor's goals are to reduce the state's debt, raise revenues and balance the budget. We are deeply concerned about unjustified trigger cuts if revenues are not realized because further cuts will harm students.

We are seeking more specifics about the Governor's budget proposal, especially as it relates to Proposition 98, because we are opposed to any manipulation of this voter-approved funding guarantee. We recently filed a lawsuit with CSBA to challenge these unconstitutional actions in the 2011-12 state budget.

We will support a ballot measure(s) in November that provides additional revenue for schools.

We also strongly oppose major policy changes proposed in the budget because they cannot be implemented or maintained without a substantial influx of additional revenues.