



## CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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From: David A. Sanchez, CTA President

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Re: **Statewide Day of Action, March 13, 2009**  
**Stand Up for Schools, Pink Friday**

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With a state budget deficit of \$42 billion, and our schools, colleges and universities facing more than \$11 billion in additional cuts, the California Teachers Association is calling for a Statewide Day of Action on Friday, March 13. We are asking parents, students and community members to join us and Stand Up for Schools on what we are calling Pink Friday.

We are mobilizing to bring public awareness to these cuts, the dire funding conditions our schools face and what they will mean for a generation of our students. A CTA workgroup of members and staff put together the attached State Budget Crisis Organizing Plan. The workgroup chose March 13 as it is the day that layoff notices or "pink slips" are expected to go out to tens of thousands of educators.

I ask you to do the following:

- **Wear pink on Friday, March 13**, to show your support for students, schools and educators.
- **Work with local CTA staff to coordinate a Pink Friday event** at your local schools. The type of event is up to you. We are asking that you consider events before school starts that day.
- **Spread the word.** Ask all of your local members, parents, students, and community members to wear pink on March 13 and to join you at a local event.

On Monday, February 9, we will be launching a new website designed especially for this Statewide Day of Action. Please visit [www.pinkfriday09.org](http://www.pinkfriday09.org), create a profile, connect with other educators and public education supporters, get ideas for hosting an event, upload information about an event at your school, and share information about how the cuts are affecting your school. It is up to us to let our communities know what state budget cuts are doing to their schools.

Carolyn Doggett  
**Executive Director**

The Education Coalition, including the California State PTA, the California Federation of Teachers, school employees, school board members and administrators, is supporting this Day of Action. All other community and labor groups are also included.

In addition, CTA will be mailing information to all members, encouraging them to work with their local chapters to participate on that day.

As state lawmakers scramble to negotiate a budget deal, CTA continues to lead efforts to increase revenues, minimize cuts to education and other vital services, protect Proposition 98, and save the Class Size Reduction program.

CTA's Legal Department is also preparing to assist any member who receives a reduction in force notice.

Enclosed is some important information for you and your members:

- State Budget Crisis Organizing Plan Outline
- Stand Up for Schools flier. Feel free to share widely.
- RIF flier from CTA Legal Services. Please share with members to help them prepare for layoff notices.
- Education Coalition flier on updated statewide impact of cuts.
- Class Size Reduction fact sheet.

Let's make Pink Friday, March 13, 2009, an unprecedented day when all Californians can Stand Up for Schools.

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