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Sorry, failed to include this one, about \$104 million in cuts being considered by the San Diego Unified School Board in what is the state's second-largest school district. Here is the link to the story in the San Diego Union-Tribune..

Surprise: new poll just out (see first news clip below) shows 82 percent of voters believe California is on the wrong track. Sac Bee article looks at what new flexibility for certain categorical program funding means. Other stories today document pink slips and other school cuts in San Francisco, Watsonville, Vista, San Diego, Fontana and Pleasanton..

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Poll shows record high discontent in California (Contra Costa Times Blog: Political Blotter C 02/24/2009) A new poll released a few minutes ago at the California Constitutional Convention Summit in Sacramento shows that 82 percent of voters believe the state is on the wrong track. It is the highest level of unhappiness since the Bay Area Council began doing the survey in 2002. (The council is the chief sponsor of the summit.) Pollsters conducted the telephone poll of 800 voters between Feb. 3-5 and...

New budget rules loosen up school funding (Sacramento Bee C 02/24/2009) Summer school. Art and music. Classes for gifted children. Buying textbooks. Training math and English teachers. Tutoring students for the high school exit exam. For decades, a large portion of California's school funding has been strictly designated for such categories. Not any more. In the budget deal crafted last week, the Legislature and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger combi...

Republicans who backed tax hike called 'heroes'(Contra Costa Times C 02/24/2009)

WASHINGTON - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday came to the aid of six Republican lawmakers who ran afoul of the state GOP Party for backing a budget with tax increases, calling them "great heroes" who put people before politics. "I think that they've done a terrific job and they should pay very little attention to what the party says," the governor told reporters in Washington. "Because ...

### SF Schools May Cut 500 Teachers, Administrators

State budget cuts in education could force the San Francisco Unified School District to lay off more than 500 teachers and administrators in the next school year unless supervisors approve use of the city's rainy day fund. The state budget signed Friday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger includes an \$8.4 billion reduction in education spending statewide. In 2006, California was ranked 47th in...

### Leaders to chop \$17 million from PVUSD budget (Watsonville Register-Pajaronian C 02/24/2009)

After months of hand-wringing, the PVUSD Board of Trustees is poised to slash \$17 million from its budget on Wednesday night, which will result in the loss of programs and services from every sector of the district.

Wednesday's meeting comes less than a week after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the long-awaited state budget. While many breathed a sigh of relief that the battle was over, educ...

### Vista school district considers cutbacks (San Diego Union-Tribune C 02/24/2009)

VISTA - Facing a crushing \$16 million deficit for 2009-10, the Vista Unified School District may lay off 200 teachers, increase some class sizes and cut several classroom programs. The layoff list includes 120 primary grade teaching positions. Eliminating them would increase class sizes in first, second and third grades from 20 students to 32. An additional 77 teaching positions targeted for c...

### School district considers cutbacks (San Diego Union Tribune C 02/24/2009)

Vista Unified board meeting When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday Where: Foothill Oak Elementary School, 1370 Oak Drive, Vista. BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS Projected budget cuts: Vista Unified must cut \$16 million in spending for the 2009-10 fiscal year budget, based on this year's \$195 million budget. Proposed teacher layoffs: 198 positions, including 170 primary grade t...

Fontana school board votes to cut 380 positions (Riverside Press Enterprise C 02/24/2009) 10:00 PM PST on Monday, February 23, 2009 By MELANIE C. JOHNSON The Press-Enterprise FONTANA - Facing an expected \$15 million shortfall next year, the Fontana Unified School District Board of Education agreed Monday night to cut 380 jobs. The trustees voted 5-0 to approve a resolution to issue preliminary layoff notices. The board also approved a tie-breaking rating system to determine the or...

Pleasanton school board set for decision on \$8.7 million worth of cuts (Contra Costa Times C 02/24/2009) PLEASANTON - The Pleasanton school district meets tonight to cut an estimated \$8.7 million dollars from its budget and decide on placing a parcel tax on the June 2 ballot. After nearly a month of special workshops, the board must vote on cutting everything from class-size-reduction programs to counselors and reading specialists. Districtwide, the equivalent of about 148 teaching positions ...

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