



Dear Friend,

I'm writing to today because Texas public schools are extremely important to my family and community – as I believe they are to you.

Due to the \$27 billion state budget shortfall, schools all across Texas are facing massive teacher layoffs, school closures, and severe cuts to core academic programs. There are resources that can help our schools - if our leaders have the courage to use them.

Here's how you can help convince them:

1. Please call, write or email your elected state leaders today! Ask them to:

- Make education a top priority;
- Use the \$9.3 Billion Texas "Rainy Day" Fund to support public schools;
- Sign the paperwork for \$830 Million in federal aid for classroom teachers;
- Ensure any school funding decisions are fair to all schools.

2. Attend the Save Texas Schools Rally & March, Saturday, March 12, 11am-2pm, at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Bring your friends and family to stand up for Texas schools!

3. Make a tax-deductible donation to Save Texas Schools to support the coalition's outreach efforts and the Save Texas Schools Rally on March 12. (Please see page 2 for details.)

For more information on the Save Texas Schools effort, and for links to more ways you can help, visit www.SaveTXSchools.org.

Texas students are our future, and their education is the most important public investment we can make. I hope you join me in taking these important steps to Save Texas Schools.

Sincerely,

Save Texas Schools is a nonpartisan statewide volunteer coalition of parents, students, educators, business leaders, concerned citizens, community groups and faith organizations. Our goal is to educate our state's elected officials about the importance of maintaining funding for Texas public education – from pre-K through college - to the maximum degree possible, within the context of the current state budget crisis and beyond. For more information, please visit www.savetxschools.org.

Please donate to support the Save Texas Schools march and rally!

Save Texas Schools wants to bring tens of thousands of people to the capital to rally for education funding on March 12. Our message will only be heard if we have strength in numbers.

**To cover the many costs of promoting and hosting this event,
we are looking for 1,000 people who will donate \$25 each.**

Your \$25 can become \$10 Billion for our kids. It is time for the people to have our say. Please help us make history with the biggest rally ever at the Capitol.

All donations are tax deductible.

How to donate:

1. Donate online via Paypal using a debit or credit card at www.savetxschools.org/donate-now/
(You do not need a Paypal account to donate)
2. Write a check. Make checks payable to “Austin Voices for Education and Youth,” the fiscal sponsor for Save Texas Schools, and write “Save Texas Schools” in the memo line.

Mail your check to:

Save Texas Schools
C/O Austin Voices for Education & Youth
5604 Manor Rd
Austin, TX 78723

Donations made to Save Texas Schools will go to pay the expenses of the March 12th Rally and March, including AV equipment and sound systems, portable toilets, event insurance, tents and signage, garbage & recycling, security, event banners and placards, and pre-rally materials including posters, flyers, etc. In the fortunate event that donations exceed expenses, remaining monies will go toward continued work to educate state leaders on the importance of education throughout the current legislative session and beyond.

Austin Voices for Education and Youth is a 501©(3) organization. More information can be found at www.austinvoices.org

**Thank you for helping to Save Texas Schools.
We hope to see you in Austin on March 12.**

Learn more at www.SaveTXSchools.org