



## March for Education

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Dear Concerned Community Member:

The tremendous budget crisis in California has caused a huge deficit in public education funding. The March for Education Committee came together with the desire to organize a 70-mile march that takes place during spring break (April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>), departing from E.M Downer Elementary School in San Pablo and ending on the steps on the state capitol in Sacramento. With this march, we hope to have an impact with Governor Schwarzenegger in addressing the inequities in public education in California. It is time for the state to recognize that the education of our children should not be put in jeopardy during times of financial crisis.

We are a grassroots group of parents and community members who have no prior experience in these matters, and we apologize for the short notice of this request. We would like to invite you to support the March for Education through your tax-deductible donation. For further information about our organization and donation requests, please view our website at [www.geocities.com/march4education](http://www.geocities.com/march4education), or contact our committee by phone.

We expect a core group of about 50 parents, students, teachers, and concerned community members to march the entire 70 miles. A large number of supporters will join us throughout the march.

Your participation in the March for Education will show your commitment to education in California, and demonstrate that the future of California rests with the education our children receive today. Your support of the March for Education will definitely be publicized during our rally in Sacramento and on our educational website.

Your help with our March for Education is deeply appreciated. We THANK YOU in advance for your consideration of our request and extend best wishes for your economic success and growth.

Sincerely,

March for Education Committee