



## SUPPORT LOCAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please sign the petition to qualify the **Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act** today! As you know, the California State PTA has endorsed the initiative to lower the passage rate for parcel taxes from two-thirds to 55 percent. We need your help to collect 1 million signatures by the beginning of April to ensure that this measure qualifies for the November 2010 statewide ballot.

The California fiscal crisis is affecting every one of our schools. Passing local parcel taxes is one way to ensure a reliable source of local funds for schools, but they currently require a supermajority of two-thirds to pass. The Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act will lower the passage rate to 55 percent, making it easier for communities to invest in their local schools.

Please download and sign the petition today. We urge you to forward this e-mail to all your members, and ask them to sign as well. There's no need to wait. As per our policies, units, councils and districts need not vote to affirm a California State position on a statewide measure in order to take action. Signatures may be collected at authorized PTA meetings or events held on school grounds, as long as you have secured the appropriate use of facilities permission from your school district, and provided that district funds are not otherwise used to support the signature gathering. You should not collect signatures on school grounds in any other manner. Check with your local school district office and/or your school's principal to verify this complies with your own district's policies. You may also collect signatures outside of the school in your community; talk to your friends, neighbors and colleagues.

It's easy! And we can make a strong statement and strengthen our voice in supporting our local schools and speaking out for all children. Just follow these instructions.

1. Go to <http://www.improveschoolfunding.com>
2. Click the sign petition button.
3. Pick a package for the number of signatures you want to submit. You can sign a single petition or choose to collect multiple signatures.
4. Read the instructions and check the box at the bottom.
5. Click the link "Click here to download the signature package as a pdf"

After doing this, you will have the signature package ready to print, sign and mail to the campaign. Remember, you can sign as an individual or you can sign and collect other signatures as well.

**Do it TODAY! Together, we can make a difference.**

If we collect the approximately 1 million signatures required, we will be the first and only organization to successfully qualify an initiative for the ballot without using paid signature gatherers. Help us to make history! This will enhance the strength of our organization and help local schools save programs from future cuts.

If you have any questions, you can visit the website at <http://www.improveschoolfunding.com>, send an e-mail to [petition@improveschoolfunding.com](mailto:petition@improveschoolfunding.com), or call (800) 915-4768.

**Thank you for your support!**