



NO MORE CUTS !!!

IF SALARIES, BUDGETS AND PROGRAMS ARE CUT, WE WILL NEVER GET THE MONEY BACK!

FACTS

The Impact on Schools

- With the state facing a huge budget deficit, we are looking at unprecedented cuts in school funding unless revenues are raised to balance the budget.
- Over the past year, funding for public schools has been cut by \$350 million from the funding levels in school year 2008-2009.
- Since the mid-1980's, the percentage of the state's budget that is allocated for public education has eroded from over 51% to just above 40%.
- Class size limits and 3-tiered minimums could be in jeopardy
- Programs and services to students will be cut.

The Impact on People

- State lawmakers are considering a 2% across-the-board pay cut for all state workers, including public school employees.
- 45 million dollars in retirement contributions have been shifted from the state to the employees for this year and next. That is money out of your pocket.
- Layoffs and furloughs are imminent without increased funding to our schools.

ACT NOW

What Educators Need To Do

- The only way to avoid more cuts to education and job losses is to call or write your legislators now and tell them to stop cutting. Ask them to raise revenues instead.
- Join ATF's phone bank to contact your colleagues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:30pm during the legislative session.

What We Need Legislators To Do

- Vote **no** on any additional cuts in public school funding.
- Restore education funding back to the 2008-2009 levels.
- Vote for essential revenues like:
 - rolling back the tax breaks for the very wealthy earning over 295,000 dollars annually.
 - closing tax loop-holes for out-of-state companies that allow them to evade paying New Mexico corporate income taxes on profits earned here. Few states allow this corporate rip-off that places local businesses at an unfair competitive disadvantage while robbing schools and children of needed revenues.
 - Sunsetting the capital gains tax breaks for wealthy investors.

We were spared drastic cuts during the Special Session only because we took action to protect our interests. We must do so again. Act NOW!!!