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Thousands of Students and Parents Converge On State Capitol To Call for Better Schools and to Denounce School Funding Cuts

Students will deliver 10,000 postcards to Governor Schwarzenegger demanding investment in education and schools that prepare all students for college or career

What: Busloads of students and parents from Oakland, Fresno, San Jose, Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Diego will come together for a rally on the steps of the state capitol building to challenge the cuts to the state budget and to call on the Governor to support a plan to develop schools that will prepare every student for college or a career. The rally will include skits, performances, and student and teacher speakers. Speaker of the House Karen Bass and Senate Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg are planning to attend.

Students, parents and teachers from across the state have been galvanized by the threat of cuts to their schools. California schools rank 46th in the nation in per pupil spending. Proposed cuts would drive down the quality of state schools even further. Schools in low-income communities and communities of color would be hit hardest because they already have fewer resources and fewer experienced teachers.

“Governor Schwarzenegger, you have a responsibility to stand up for California. Invest in us, invest in schools, and build a stronger California,” says Elizabeth Solorio, a student from Silver Creek High School in San Jose.

Where & When: **Thursday, May 15, 2008**
12 noon
South steps of state capitol building
(facing N Street, between 11th and 12th Streets)

Who: The rally is being organized by the Campaign for Quality Education, a statewide coalition of grassroots, civil rights, policy and research organizations committed to educational equity for all students in California’s public schools.

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