

INVEST IN PUSD



Facts about PUSD -

Budget Cuts:

Declining state revenue is at the core of a growing structural deficit in PUSD and other districts statewide. PUSD revenues have declined by \$25 million, or 15%, since 2008. This year, state budget cuts accounted for 94% of this loss, while 6% is due to declining enrollment. Operational costs such as utilities, health and welfare benefits and supplies have continued to rise while revenues plummet.

In our local area alone, since 2008 there has been a reduction of over \$77 million in funding for our five local school districts (Burbank, Glendale, La Canada, Pasadena and South Pasadena). This year these five local districts issued layoff notices to over 450 teachers.

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www.capta.org www.fcmat.org www.protectourstudents.org
www.edsource.org www.cbp.org www.edsource.org

Management Changes:

In the past three years alone, PUSD reorganized centralized operations to implement management audit recommendations, corrected 14 fiscal audit findings, and established a strict oversight structure to ensure accountability for facilities bond funds. As a result, administrative costs have declined by more than \$3 million, compliance-related liability has decreased dramatically, and Measure TT bond funds have delivered high-quality construction projects 90 percent on time and under budget.

Student Achievement:

There is much to do to continue to improve student achievement in PUSD. Particularly in terms of the drop out rate and secondary schools.

In 2002 only three schools scored over 700 on the State API index. By 2009 23 schools scored above 700 and 9 scored over 800. The District wide score increased 107 points since 2002. PUSD academic achievement has grown faster than the State and County averages.

This year alone, PUSD schools earned a coveted National Blue Ribbon designation, and two more California Distinguished School awards.