

Hello,

I am a mom of a current kindergartener and a soon to be kindergartener. My daughter who is the current kindergartener is thriving in her class. She is so smart and loves to learn; but I am worried about her future education. Class sizes need to be reduced, not increased; resources for the students need to be reinstated, not removed; teachers need to be supported so they can be the support their students need, and their students need the support of the teachers. If we want our students to succeed, then we need to provide for them a controlled, consistent, positive environment that promotes learning, a place where they can talk to a counselor whenever they need (need to add counselors not subtract them from the schools). We can't create such a place for the students while making cuts to the education budget. Get back the money that was dedicated to educating the next generation. Use the money promised from the sales of marijuana. Stop using funds in the education budget for other, less important issues and reasons. These kids are the future of the United States of America. If we don't make their education a higher priority, our nation will crumble beneath them. Please! Make substantial changes to better support our educators and set up our children for success.

Sincerely,

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