



## CALL THE “Big 5”



**Now is the time for action!** Budget cuts will be affecting Garden Grove teachers in addition to the impact that will be felt by California teachers statewide. The Governor and the leaders of the Assembly and State Senate must get the message that Public Schools need to be DeFENDED, not DeFUNDED! Our state legislature must be pushed toward action because as every day passes the budget deficit deepens. A balanced approach needs to be taken that does not have additional cuts and includes revenue increases. Let them know that any proposal that undermines the voter approved and supported minimum school funding law, Prop. 98, is not acceptable.

The people listed below are the “Big 5”. They will have the most influence over the state budget. We **must** make our feelings known that we can not let California drop any farther than our current level of 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per pupil spending.

#1 Governor Schwarzenegger	(916) 445-2841
#2 Assembly Speaker Karen Bass	(916) 319-2047
#3 Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg	(916) 651-4006
#4 Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines	(916) 319-2029
#5 Senate Minority Leader Dave Cogdill	(916) 651-4014

### **SAMPLE SPEAKING SCRIPT:**

*I am a Teacher/Parent/Voter who is angry about the current proposals regarding the state budget. The cuts proposed will gut public education in California and make it impossible to reach the goals set by No Child Left Behind. I demand that you DEFEND, not DEFUND public education. Any proposals that undermine the voter- approved minimum school funding law, Prop. 98, IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!*

**Now, get your colleagues, family, friends, and neighbors to make the same calls!**

Call today and become an  
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