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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Compton Citizens Protest Against Proposed \$4.8 Billion Education Cuts**

**COMPTON, Calif.**, — Approximately 1,200 citizens gathered Wednesday, May 7, on Santa Fe Ave., protesting for one hour against Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget proposal to cut \$4.8 billion from public education.

The crowd, composed of school staff, district officials, parents, students and community members, assembled in front of Compton Unified School District's (CUSD) Education Service Center, 501 S. Santa Fe Ave. Sponsored by CUSD and the Compton Education Association's (CEA) Coalition to Preserve Funding for Public Schools, the demonstration was staged to alert the public about the negative effects of the Governor's proposed budget cuts.

"The proposed cuts are simply unacceptable," said Marie Truby, CEA president. "It would be a disservice not only to our teachers, but to the children. We can't just stand back and watch while resources and opportunities are taken away from our students. We needed to come together and let our voices be heard like we did today."

For one hour protestors chanted, "No budget cuts!" as they held signs that read, "Cuts Hurt." Passing motorists honked in support of the demonstration. A few drivers got out of their cars and joined in the protest. Also participating, were CUSD classified employees, including school secretaries, maintenance workers, police officers and computer technicians.

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**Photo to accompany: Compton Citizens Protest Against Proposed \$4.8 Billion Education Cuts**



Compton Unified students stand by their parents and teachers to protest against proposed budget cuts to education.

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