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THE SCHOOLS AND LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTION ACT OF 2012

WHAT IS IT?

The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012 is a new compromise initiative that brings together the more progressive aspects of the Millionaire's Tax (sponsored by the California Federation of Teachers and Courage Campaign) and the more responsible structure of Gov. Brown's original tax initiative. This new initiative taxes the wealthy to provide billions for public schools and essential services, and helps close the state budget deficit.

WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?

The measure includes a nominal quarter-cent sales tax increase, which expires in four years, and increases in income taxes on the wealthy, which expire in seven years. Under the new proposal, income taxes would increase as follows:

- 1 percent on households earning \$500,000 to \$600,000.
- 2 percent on households earning \$600,000 to \$1,000,000.
- 3 percent on households earning more than \$1 million.

When passed, the measure will generate about \$9 billion a year for the state budget. Placing the money into the general fund ensures there will be money for schools, colleges and other essential services at the same time it pays down the state's wall of debt. In addition, it guarantees communities get

funding for the realignment of services approved by the Legislature last year. Paying for the realignment will free up about \$3 billion a year to be spent on higher education — CSU and UC — and other essential services.

WHAT IF IT DOESN'T PASS?

The California budget has suffered huge cuts in every program; from education to universities, from child care to seniors and from public safety to programs for the disabled and needy. This year \$4.8 billion in new cuts to schools and colleges are being proposed if this initiative doesn't pass.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Sign a petition today, tell your friends and neighbors about it, and learn more about tax fairness at www.cta.org/taxfairness.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN?

Not much, so do it today! Find the three easy steps to gather signatures and the online version of the petition at: protectschoolsandpublicsafety.com/petition.

Law Gives Teachers Final Word on Grades

The California Education Code protects teachers' rights to grade students. When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupils grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final.

§ 49066: if a parent, student, or administrator challenges a grade the teacher has the right to defend the grade. An Association representative should always be present at such a challenge.

Teachers are Responsible for *Failure Notices*

Classroom teachers are directly responsible for notifying parents of possible failing grades. Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course (D or F grade), the teacher must arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report (failure notice). In all cases the notification must come prior to the assignment of the grade.

The teacher's responsibility for failure notices is stated in California Education Code 49067 and Montebello Unified School District Administrative Regulation 5121 (a).



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