

# Evergreen Elementary CIA

*Community-in-Action*

## DISTRICT 8 ROUNDTABLE

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# Who is EECIA?

- Evergreen Elementary Community-in-Action (EECIA) was formed in response to the school budget crisis facing our district of 18 schools
- EECIA consists of parents, teachers, and other concerned community members committed to addressing budget issues at local and state levels

# School Budget Landscape

- California's education budget has decreased almost \$11B in the last four years
- Evergreen Elementary School District budget reduced \$10M (10%) from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011
- East Side Union High School budget reduced \$~19M (9%) from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011

# EESD Budget Specifics

- EESD receives the lowest amount of per student revenue in the entire county
- EESD 2010-2011 school year cuts
  - 62 teachers being laid-off
  - K-3 class size increased from 1:20 → 1:24
  - Libraries reduced by 1 day/week
  - 50% of bus routes eliminated
  - 25% of custodial services eliminated
- More cuts planned in the following years

# EECIA Mission

Evolve into a chapter of a larger, Silicon Valley-wide organization that makes public education a top priority and creates an excellent learning, teaching and working environment through:

- Increased state-level funding
- State-wide legislative initiatives support
- Education advocacy
- Parent and community involvement

Equitable Funding =  
Equal Opportunities  
for All Students

# EECIA Goals

- Increase state funding / revenue per student
  - Join forces with community leaders, Silicon Valley parent groups, high schools, local elected officers, and legislators in Sacramento
- Raise awareness of / communicate key educational issues and activities to the greater community
- Create forum and audience for local and state political candidates to voice educational initiatives
  - Back candidates that support our mission

# Legislative Initiatives

- Education finance reform lawsuit
  - Robles-Wong vs. State of CA - [www.fixschoolfinance.org](http://www.fixschoolfinance.org)
- Prop 13 reform
  - [Closetheloophole.com](http://Closetheloophole.com)
- Oil severance tax
- AB 2335
  - Committee to examine school finance reporting
- AB 2272
  - Roll CSR funds into general funds
- Elimination of super majority
  - 1 of only 3 states that requires 2/3 votes to pass bills/budgets

# EECIA Needs

A large community of parent, business, and community members who support the goal of advocating for an excellent public educational system that can act as a unified voice

A core group of leaders with expertise in finance, education, marketing, PR, and/or a general willingness to tackle key educational issues

Business sponsorship to support minimal outreach costs

# Where to Find EECIA

- Web – [www.eecia.org](http://www.eecia.org)
- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/evergreenelementarycia](http://www.facebook.com/evergreenelementarycia)
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Thank you!