

**Fund Public Education Now! Week**

**February 3 - February 7**

Piedmont Community ... Join us for a week of activities focused on building awareness of and advocating for greater state funding of public education in California!

**Fund Public Education Now Rally**

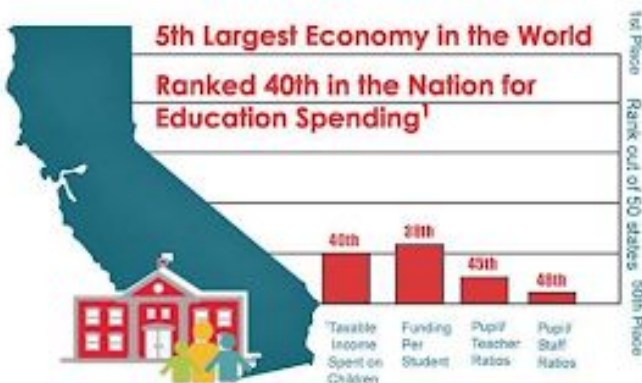
Thursday, February 6th - 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Piedmont Community Hall - **All Are Invited to Attend!!**

**WHY?**

Currently, California ranks in the **bottom 10 percent** for school funding in the United States. Last year's state education budget and the Governor's current education budget doesn't go far enough!

**HOW DOES CALIFORNIA RANK?**



**Teacher Shortage:**  
80% of CA districts report a **shortage** of qualified **teachers** for the 2017-18 school year. 90% report that they are as bad or worse than they were last year..

*We must demand a change to state funding for public education!*

**HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE!**

As part of the county-wide East Bay Coalition on Education, PUSD, APT, CSEA, and student representative bodies, **invite you** to participate in lobbying for changes to the state funding structure, helping to pass new funding initiatives, and raising awareness of this critical issue by attending Piedmont's own **Fund Public Education Now Rally!**

Monday, Feb. 3rd	Tuesday, Feb. 4th	Wednesday, Feb. 5th	Thursday, Feb. 6th
Elementary students and teachers will create testimonials about what they love about school through artwork, posters, and postcards.	Middle School students will participate in making art, posters, writing letters, and other activities to shine a light on the need for adequate state funding. High school students will post on social media to raise awareness of the issues. After school, we will be out front of Mulberry's to share information about the <i>Schools &amp; Communities First</i> ballot initiative.	Parents and community members can post on social media and email our state representatives about why schools need more funding.	<b>Fund Public Education Now Rally!</b> Wear red and show your support for our teachers and staff, and California Public Schools. We will have music, snacks, speakers, a short video, and more!  4pm - 5pm at the Piedmont Community Hall. All are welcome!

**All of these letters, posters, and testimonials will be shared with Sacramento!**

For more information: <https://www.acoe.org/funding>