

## **Talking Points/Script for Calls to the legislators**

- **The best story is YOUR story. Tell the person on the phone how the cuts have impacted you and your students. Let him/her know what you think your class would be like with even more cuts.**

### **If you are uncomfortable with talking about yourself, here is a suggested script to work from:**

- (INTRODUCE YOURSELF), I'm a (TEACHER, COUNSELOR, NURSE, ETC) at \_\_\_\_\_ school.
- I'm calling to seek your help in protecting public education. Over the past three years California schools have been cut by \$18 billion. These cuts have hurt our students.
- In Las Virgenes we have had;
  - *Counseling cuts*
  - *Furlough days*
  - *Increased class sizes*
  - *Libraries cut*
  - *Custodial/maintenance/grounds crews cut*
  - *Summer school cut*
- Statewide thousands of teachers and other staff have been laid off causing the Superintendent of Public Instruction has even declared a fiscal emergency.
- Governor Brown's proposed budget will cut our school even more, but he's trying to protect education as much as possible. He's asking lawmakers to hold a special election to extend existing tax rates—not a tax increase, just to maintain the rates we have now.
- If our current tax rates aren't continued, our school district will lose a minimum of \$3.8 million. That means even more deep cuts to (SCHOOL NAME).
- These cuts mean our students will get less individual attention. More classes, activities, and programs will be cut. There'll be cutbacks in school maintenance and supervision to keep our kids safe.

**Please let Californians have a voice in this and let  
the budget proposal get on the ballot.**