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Educators respond to revised State Budget:

Taxing the wealthiest 1% could mean \$2.5 billion for education, services

SACRAMENTO - California Federation of Teachers (CFT) Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Freitas responded to Governor Brown's revised proposed State Budget for 2011-12:

“We applaud the governor for adding \$1.6 billion to the public education budget. However, even with that increase, public education spending is proposed to be \$7 billion less than it was in 2007-08. The revised proposed State Budget continues to pose a major problem for education spending. It continues to threaten the future of California by reducing our investment in public education and the students who will lead our state in the coming years. More will be cut from education in the coming year, on top of \$18 billion in cuts over the past few years. Thousands of teachers are being laid off, and students are losing the support they deserve to pursue their dreams. There are other ways to close the revenue gap without taking away quality education.

“The people of California strongly favor increasing taxes by 1% on the wealthiest 1% of Californians instead of additional cuts to education and key public services,” said Freitas. “The restoration of a 1% higher rate would affect only 1% of Californians while saving thousands of jobs in public education, public health, and public safety and keeping class sizes lower, health clinics open, and the streets in our neighborhoods safer.”

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