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**Educators to detail education cuts, call for majority
vote for additional state revenue**

The Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers will spearhead a news conference with Monterey and Santa Cruz County education and social services leaders on Wednesday, November 18, to protest cuts in education funding and call for a simple majority vote to enact new education revenues through the State Legislature.

"California is the only state in the country that requires a super-majority to pass both a state budget and new revenues for schools," said Francisco Rodriguez, "Schools and social services throughout our state are being harmed, and that means people are being harmed. It's time to change this broken system of school finance."

Rodriguez will unveil a resolution he will be asking PVUSD School Board members to pass that evening, which would put the Board on record supporting the reduction of the state legislature's 2/3 supermajority requirements for a budget and taxes. The other speakers will detail the local impact of budget cuts at CSUMB and Cabrillo College and social services.

WHAT: Cuts Protest and Board resolution
WHEN: Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 12:00 noon
WHERE: 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville
WHO: Monterey and Santa Cruz education and social services leaders,
including:

Francisco Rodriguez, president, Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers
Jennifer Colby, California Faculty Association, and CSU Monterey Bay professor
Jeffery Smedberg, Service Employees Local 521, County Employees
John Govsky, Cabrillo College Federation of Teachers
Bobby Salazar, president, CSEA Chapter 132, Pajaro Valley Unified School
District

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