



Sample Letter to the Editor #2

(Most letters to the editor need to be kept to about 200 words – but your local paper will have specifications on their Web site and also in their “letters” section.)

Dear Editor:

I'm a (PARENT) of a student at (SCHOOL NAME) here in (CITY NAME), and I'm very concerned about how the Governor's proposed \$4.8 billion education funding cuts will impact our local schools.

These cuts are equivalent to \$24,000 less for every classroom, or increasing class sizes by more than a third.

I know first-hand how important smaller class sizes are to improving student learning, and I don't want to see us turn back the clock on our kids' education. Smaller classes have helped my child excel in math and reading, and to deny that opportunity to other students would be a terrible mistake.

Or: (give a personal example – i.e. my son/daughter excelled in school when he/she was able to take an art class that sparked his/her interest in the history of the Renaissance.)

I'd hate to see programs like this slashed – because when we cut these important learning opportunities, we're short-changing our kids.

Voters passed Proposition 98 twenty years ago to ensure a minimum funding guarantee for our schools. Over the years, we've reaffirmed our support for this law. It's time for the politicians to listen to the voters and stop trying to siphon money away from our students.

I want to urge the Legislature to reject the Governor's short-sighted budget and invest in California's future.

Sincerely,

(NAME)

(CITY)

(CONTACT INFORMATION)