

Dear Kenter Canyon Community,

It is time, once again, for us to raise our voices to protest the cuts against public education in our state. Several of our amazing teachers at Kenter Canyon have received pink slips warning them they are at risk to lose their jobs next year. Teachers may have furlough days, and nurses, psychologists and librarians may be cut or eliminated. Class sizes will likely be raised; up to 29 in K-3rd up to 38 in 4th and 5th grade has been proposed. **As citizens, we must assert that access to a free, fair and effective public education is a fundamental right.** There are alternatives to the cuts called for by politicians. We must remind them of that, and ask them to think and act to ensure the long-term success of our children.

We can all **write letters** to our school board, state and federal legislators and our President.

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Thank you for your support!

**SAMPLE LETTER:**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am an LAUSD parent writing to express my grave concern at the proposed new class sizes. As someone who is passionate about education you must know that putting 29 and 38 students in classrooms with one teacher is a recipe for failure. Don't agree to damage the education of a generation for a debt they did not create.

The proposed new class size ratio, 29:1 in grades Kindergarten through 3 and 38:1 in grades 4 and 5, is radically destructive to our schools, our children, our teachers, and our future. The changes will seriously disrupt every school in the district and compromise the education of every child.

Class Size Matters. Statewide, schools have shown steady improvement in achievement since class size reduction went into effect. Raising the ratio to such extremes is unacceptable. I urge you to reject any proposals that would increase class size.

I know California is in the middle of a drastic financial crisis, and painful cuts need to be made. Of all the unpleasant choices facing you, increasing the class size is the idea that is most destructive to the effective education of children. The punishing effects will be felt for years and must not be adopted.

I am urging you not to adopt this proposal, and to **keep funding in the classrooms and at the school sites**. This proposal will further decimate public education and achievement in our schools. As a parent, as a citizen, and as your constituent, I urge you to find other places in the budget to cut.

Sincerely,