

D.G.	Lakewood	Our students are suffering and our state keeps ignoring the need to help them by always cutting education funding. Companies are going to avoid Colorado because of the lack of support for education. We need our legislators to come and SIT in a classroom and follow a teacher from the early morning to the night when they grade papers. If we continue on this course, our state will be building prisons instead of schools.
T.M.	Boulder	
L.M.	Carbondale	Our classroom budgets have been frozen which means we are not able to provide our students with many of the things we normally do to enhance curriculum. We are looking at a salary freeze, increasing class size next year, laying off 1-2 teachers etc. This is unacceptable, especially in a state with such pathetic per pupil spending already! Come on!
C.W.	La Junta	Being a member of the school board has been a great challenge. With the budget cuts that are coming our way it has made it very difficult to manage our budget. It is hard enough anyway to get people to run for a board position anyway and then throw us a curve with the budget crisis. We will never get fantastic people to be board members.
K.F.	Hot Sulphur Springs	
M.L.	Lakewood	Although my kids are grown, my granddaughter is in 1st grade. I can't imagine her not having the opportunity EVERY child should have to take PE, a foreign language, or music. This is totally unacceptable. Our children's education should be the most important thing.
E.R.	Fort Collins	
C.M.	Arvada	Class sizes have already started increasing at our school. All of our "special teachers" (art music, phy ed) are having to travel to other schools and are no longer able to dedicate as much time as they were before. My worry is that the frozen teacher salaries will make some of our best teachers choose to leave the profession and the lack of focus on education in Colorado has made me consider leaving the state and seek employment elsewhere.
S.A.	Golden	
D.H.	Westminster	
A.B.	Fort Morgan	Brush School will cut 14 teaching positions.
C.O.	Castle Pines North	
M.K.	Denver	
M.K.	Winter Park	Nine of our teachers have lost their jobs; our athletics have been drastically reduced; all field trip and valuable out-of-classroom time has lost funding. Help!
D.K.	Highlands Ranch	
N.B.	Denver	
R.H.	Golden	My kids attend Welchester Elementary in Golden. Next year, we are going to lose our Title 1 funding not because we are doing better but because other schools are suffering more. We have a 50% free lunch rate. Our kids struggle to eat, to study, and to do well in school. School districts are already facing huge cuts. I don't know how much more you can cut without seriously compromising our kids' education. Why not look for ways to generate more income? Cut more or raise taxes, do something to save our children's education even if it doesn't make you popular. We need to show the state of Colorado that we value education.
G.B.	Boulder	
S.J.	Crested Butte	
J.H.	Arvada	
C.B.	Centennial	We may be losing very important resource help at our schools from literacy to library aids. I recently saw a graph from the state which showed how higher CSAP scores are linked to having fully staffed libraries. We also are looking at cuts in GT programming which may affect how high our students can grow and reach. We need to stay competitive in this world and we need to capitalize on all resources including the intellectual growth and support of the GT kids. They need advanced programming and extension activities.
N.W.	Denver	
A.K.	Lakewood	
T.T.	Longmont	
E.K.	Denver	
B.W.	Louisville	I have two students in the school system.
J.C.	Denver	

R.W.	Ridgway	Loss of staff, loss of courses and scaled back food services/transportation. Frozen pay raises.
A.S.	Lakewood	As a parent, I am going back for a second undergrad degree in Accounting at Metro State. I desperately need the degree to have more work choices in an increasingly competitive world. I know tuition rates are going to go up next year. I am also concerned that my son's GT programming will have budget cuts in the coming years making it harder for him to get a high quality education. Good teachers are going to get burnt out in this environment. Please raise my taxes to accommodate better funding of education. Nothing is free in life. The general population of this state is not well informed about what services taxes perform and what our state costs are. There comes a point where taxes are so low, they are not maintaining a basic quality of life for everyone anymore.
T.D. P.S. C.C.	Greeley Aurora Swink	
D.M.	Winter Park	I am a local attorney. TABOR has put a stranglehold around the necks of our children. We should be ashamed of our state and our inability to have a first rate educational system. The fact that schools are going to be hit harder is simply not right. There can be nothing more important than a commitment to the education of our children. I don't know how are school district is going to survive the state cuts, particularly since TABOR requires that the property owners vote for increases to the school budget and our district is made up of roughly 80% second home owners.
B.P. D.K. P.S.	Breckenridge Grand Lake Littleton	I have four children in public schools - elementary, middle and high school. This year in 7th grade middle school there was no Spanish class offered, in its place was a foreign language exploration class, where many languages were presented. This may be good for exposure, but there are only Spanish and French offered at the eighth grade level - in past years, seventh grade was the introduction to the language. Children who have had elementary foreign language have had a forced year off. It is curious to me that in a highly educated work force here in Colorado, we don't seem to value educating our children.
C.B. M.H. K.B.	Broomfield Lakewood Arvada	I have 3 school-age children. I know that budget cuts will remove their elective options - activities that keep them engaged in school. My 7th grader is especially at risk of "checking out" with larger class sizes and the loss of PE and music. And, with two kids soon enrolling in college, I'm concerned that soaring tuition will restrict them from colleges that would be best for them. Please don't harm my kids and the future of our state and nation! Education is vital!
D.C. R.M.	Rocky Ford Frederick	
A.W.	Yampa	We have a small, rural school whose budget has been trimmed to where there's little left to cut. There are about 200 families who help to support the schools in our district in various ways, including those who have volunteered their time to help teach the students in a new literacy program. We are already looking seriously at not renewing contracts for several teachers and para-professionals, as well as even the principal at the elementary school. Because of the possibility of a 4 day school week and having to pay for transportation, kindergarten, and increased school fees, many parents are looking at the option to homeschool their children. We need to be asking questions about the entirety of the school district's budget, to include the salaries of high-paid officials such as superintendents, whether or not superintendents can officiate over two relatively small districts, contracting out workloads like the diesel bus mechanic's position, etc. Unfortunately, most of the budget cut concerns seem to be coming down to curriculum items, student growth and achievement items, teachers, health and nursing staff - things that I believe will only damage the teaching of the children which will, in turn, damage the all-precious CSAP scores. Please reconsider cutting funding for our schools.
K.B. B.V.	Parker Denver	I teach in the Sheridan School District #2. Our small district is facing a 1.5 million shortfall this coming year and at least another 1 million in 2011. Due to our small size, the impacts of the shortfall will directly affect students. Please reconsider your actions! We are already operating on austerity budgets.
J.S.	Wheat Ridge	

C.M.	Granby	Living in a county where school weeks are ONLY 4 days long, I can honestly say, that for those kids who are more average, their workload is much harder. I have 3 in school, and my oldest, an academically average 10 year old, struggles to get through the days and all that is crammed into them. That missing 5th day, that she had when we lived in Delta County, made things like spelling and vocabulary much easier for her to handle. She struggles through nearly every subject - and will be needing tutoring next year, as she will not be able to keep up once in 6th grade. Don't punish these kids, just because the adults of this state and country have messed things up ROYALLY - its not fair to them...we need stronger focus on education - to teach them to NOT do as WE have done.
P.G.	Thornton	
C.R.	Denver	
B.E.	Golden	Education is the future of our country. Is this really the area that we should be cutting funding especially when Colorado is already way behind the national average? We are a highly educated state and we need to keep it that way and not short-change our kids, their future or ours.
J.W.	Arvada	I have a 6 and 7 year old that will be impacted greatly. Our daughter has special needs and needs additional services. The cuts will really make it impossible to meet her needs ongoing.
J.G.	Longmont	
M.D.	Frederick	
C.B.	Denver	
R.P.	Fort Lupton	
J.O.	Boulder	
B.H.	Rocky Ford	
R.B.	Longmont	Basically I think when funding is cut, classes and programs are dropped, buildings are no longer maintained adequately, and staff and students suffer.
G.J.	Granby	
D.A.	Denver	I am currently a third grade teacher in a Title 1 school in Jefferson County. With SO much pressure to close the achievement gap, it is hard to imagine how we are supposed to do that when budgets are cut, where class sizes grow, and resources shrink. As a 16 year veteran in this profession, it feels as though I just keep getting slapped by the lack of support for public education and the expectations to continue to do more and more with less and less. I hope our lawmakers understand the crisis in education today.
T.C.	Denver	
D.R.	Centennial	
C.G.	Northglenn	All middle school media specialists were cut to a .5 in our district. How do we increase literacy when this will force the library to be closed during the day and take out a key player in teaching our students about literacy? This is heartbreaking!! She was so dedicated she rarely took her plan time, she worked with kids tirelessly and helped teachers accomplish so much only to be rewarded with being downsized.
C.T.	Boulder	
N.B.	Highlands Ranch	
J.D.	Elizabeth	Our class sizes will increase, because teachers' loads have been increased by 10 students per day. That means that each teacher will have 2 more students in each class. Counselor case loads will increase to approximately 375-400, which gives us less time with each student. Additional fees for classes is being proposed.
E.J.	Arvada	
P.H.	Fort Collins	
B.L.	Monument	Our children will not be able to compete or prosper in the world-wide marketplace if Colorado state cuts education funding. It is time to raise our property taxes, get rid of TABOR and put our money where it counts!! Our kids are OUR future...mine and yours!!!!
H.F.	Denver	
S.R.	Crested Butte	
K.H.	Westminster	

V.P.	Ordway	When I started teaching in Crowley County, 26 years ago, there were approximately 20 teachers in the high school. Today there are 10. We have cut every program, teachers, benefits, aides, support personnel, everything we can think of to cut and it still isn't enough. Coupled with decreased enrollment, we are going to be extremely hard pressed to survive.
O.B.	Lakewood	
B.A.	Loveland	
T.J.	Denver	
H.D.	Louisville	
C.K.	Westminster	I think it is sad that the students get the brunt of all the cuts. The first thing to go is teachers, which increases class size and reduces the quality of our kids' education. Teachers should be the last to go.
J.L.	Arvada	
V.M.	Monte Vista	On a personal note - how this affects my household. I am a single parent, a widow, who has raised 2 boys alone. My husband died when our boys were just one and three, I was devastated. I did receive survivor benefits for my boys until they turned 18 - my baby will be 18 on Sunday, which means his check will be stopped. I went back to college shortly after my husband's death in order to educate myself to better support my family. Unfortunately, I thought teaching would be a good choice. I am now almost 50 years old, my children are almost grown, my SS benefits have stopped, no cost of living raise for the past 4 years, uncertain if I will have a teaching job next year, My oldest son will have to drop out of college to get a job due to increased tuition and decreased financial aid, youngest son might not be able to start college for the same reasons, school insurance provided for me does not cover anything useful therefore I have several dr bills that have accumulated over the winter months, not to mention winter emergency bills for home and car maintenance. I feel there are no benefits for teachers and I would never advise anyone to go into this profession. I have worked hard all my life and now I am in jeopardy of losing my home and everything I have worked for because of the economy crisis and all the cuts. I always told my boys if they worked hard in school and at being good citizens there would be help for their education when it came time for them to go to college. I feel as though I have lied to them their entire life. We are all on a sinking ship with no visible way out and I fear for my future and the future of my children. I don't understand why education is taking the brunt of these cuts, when an educated society is our hope of survival for the future and our hope of correcting wrongs and fixing the economy for future generations.
K.C.	Arvada	Crowded classes and lack of creative classes such as art, PE, music would be detrimental to the growth of our children and to our society. Please don't let this happen.
V.T.	Denver	
R.G.	Clifton	
D.D.	Denver	
J.R.	Lakewood	I have two small children in school, they deserve the best!
C.C.	Golden	
D.S.	Littleton	
B.M.	Westminster	I support charter schools, and prefer a merit vs. seniority system for teachers.
C.G.	Golden	
M.W.	Arvada	

K.P.	Pueblo	I want to speak both as a parent and a professional early childhood therapist, LCSW. My daughter attends a charter school PSAS. I am very active as a cite council parent representative. I choose to enroll my daughter at PSAS because of the wonderful reputation, relationship with the University, and educational approaches. I am very sad to say that the cuts made for the state university has had a direct affect on our school. CSU can no longer afford to sponsor the charter school and the partnership will end soon. This is very disappointing as this relationship has been going for many years and has added to the success of the school. Last year the school lost the title I funds, and now the afterschool program is at risk of being cut due to budget cuts. Losing this program will leave some several young children, who live in a vulnerable part of town, with nothing to do. I fear that other social issues may be impacted by this as well. I worry about gangs, drugs, child abuse, and even teen pregnancy. I believe the grades of the students will go down and our children will continue to be in a cycle of poverty. I do understand that this systems perspective is a very macro approach. However, these are the results that can be seen by past reductions in education and can still be avoided now. It is my understanding that Colorado is in the bottom states for funding education. This is not acceptable. My children will continue to attend public schools and I will always advocate for the public education system. Please look at the most recent statistics that show the non-graduation rate, teen pregnancy, and most of all, children in Poverty. You will find that Pueblo is over represented in all these categories. Reducing the funding to our school system will surly result in these numbers growing. Please consider all of this when decisions are being made. Our children are the future. How much more of a disservice will you do to them. First being among the lowest funded and now reducing it even more.....
D.F. S.Y. L.M.	Golden Denver Tabernash	We need to keep class sizes where they are (20-25), which means we need to keep the amount and quality teachers we have. It is unacceptable to cut the education budget further! The success of Colorado depends on the quality education of the people we are producing!
K.G. N.M.	Colorado Springs Estes Park	In a small town district, students need enrichment classes like art, music and language in addition to regular curriculum. These will be the first cuts. Families leave our community as the choices in education diminish.
J.B.	Broomfield	
V.B.	Crested Butte	My 12 year old son is really challenged at school. He does not need lees time there. He thrives on the one on one time he gets with our wonderful teaching staff. Lets all help make him a productive part of society.
R.E. D.B. D.F.	Lakewood Westminster Centennial	Increased class size, decreased supply \$, decreased para pro support, decrease special education funding.
F.W. J.E.	Colorado Springs Highlands Ranch	Inadequate number of nurses threaten safety. Drop of programs of exceptional students. No more technology programs.
S.K. C.C.	Dolores Westminster	
R.W. J.G.	Littleton Denver	
C.K. S.B.	Golden Granby	Classes, programs, and sports have all been cut. In a small town, these kids need as many programs and sports as they can to stay on the right track.
H.H. L.V.	Boulder Littleton	I work at the district level and the upcoming budget cuts will tragically reduce our capability to give students everything the need to have a successful educational school career. We will lose wonderful new teachers who have totally enriched the lives of our students. It's tragic that the state government does not value education and students by giving us the financial support we need to help students succeed.
V.B. E.R.	Broomfield Longmont	

H.B.	Highlands Ranch	Class sizes are becoming too large to be effective!
C.C.	Denver	
N.L.	Denver	
L.Q.	Jefferson County	Our district is cutting teachers at every level, increasing class sizes and reducing resources, yet no one is admitting that we can NOT do the same job with larger classes and fewer resources. Students will not get the quality education they have been getting- affecting the economy, property values etc.
F.B.	Colorado Springs	
P.U.	Monument	
D.L.	Lakewood	Our elementary school, Stober, is always struggling with funding. Parents constantly volunteer their time in the classrooms as it is, plus fundraisers galore! More cuts will be too much to bear!
J.M.	Monument	
W.L.	Crested Butte	
J.W.	Littleton	
K.M.	Denver	I'm the PTA President of a K-8 NE Denver DPS school. Our school already operates on a shoestring budget. We have no PE, no music, no drama, no sports and only two after school clubs (led by highly dedicated teachers not paid for their efforts). Last year we had to ask a local hospital to donate copy paper as we ran out at year end. With our 90% free/reduced lunch rate, our PTA can't raise \$100,000 a year to make up for these shortfalls. Enough is enough. Colorado voters need to untie the hands of our state government so they can supply all students with the quality education they deserve.
K.A.	Fort Lupton	
H.R.	Englewood	Our students need to know that we don't just pay lip-service to how important they are; they need to know that they are key to our future. If we can't give them the tools they need to become future leaders, technicians, professionals, responsible citizens, educated electors, producers and wise consumers, our future looks dim indeed.
K.B.	Wheat Ridge	
A.H.	Niwot	
R.F.	Denver	
K.J.	Wheat Ridge	I am vehemently opposed to any cuts in funding for our public education. We are creating a generation that not only is falling behind international standards, but they will be ill-prepared to enter the job market upon graduation-- if they stay in school that long. I do not have children, yet I fully support our public education system and will advocate for additional funding. I would further suggest that Douglas Bruce personally finance the correction of this problem he helped to create via his ill-thought TABOR amendment.
C.S.	Monument	Art programs are having drastic cuts. The arts are a critical part of educating our children and developing critical thinking skills.
S.W.	Castle Rock	
E.M.	Denver	
G.L.	Monument	Loss of teachers, increase in class room sizes (student/teacher ratio), reconfiguration of schools (2010/2011)
E.T.	Denver	
E.W.	Lakewood	
A.S.	Fraser	In our small school district 9 certified and 7 classified staff have been cut this year. That number will likely double next year, and I can only imagine what might happen in the years that follow. It is likely that fees will be put in place for students and athletics, activities and programs have been cut.
C.F.	Littleton	
M.O.	Ridgway	
T.M.	Denver	Increase student teacher ratio. eliminate critical programs. reduce technology. reduce competitive ability with other students. increase drop out rate. students ill prepared to join workforce. higher drug and teen violence rate. reduce self discipline of students. puts more pressure on society.
E.J.	Denver	
S.M.	Longmont	
A.H.	Fort Collins	
L.S.	Denver	

G.P.	Monument	Last year we cut 27 teachers from our elementary schools, this year approximately 17 will be cut from our secondary schools. I teach fourth grade. My class went from 21 to now 28. Due to budget cuts our students are required to bring in more supplies-from copy machine paper to expo markers. Our teachers are overworked, underpaid and concerned.
K.G. R.H.	Longmont Denver	Our children will be left behind academically. We need the money in our schools to help our children become the citizens of the future.
S.O. D.W. T.W.	Durango Golden Denver	Next year we are looking at reducing all teaching staff outside the 1 teacher per classroom minimum, essentially doubling the size of every classroom.
N.D.	Walden	Lists being circulated for where to cut costs, salary freezes are up for consideration, \$300,000 short for next year, higher college tuition than many other states, high interest student loans.
J.S.	Denver	
J.M.	Colorado Springs	As a Special Education teacher, I feel the funding cuts daily with less personnel to help my students, who desperately need support in and out of the classroom. Students are in larger classes with less resources available within the classroom
C.F.	Steamboat Springs	
R.G.	Commerce City	
K.L. C.V.	Centennial Loveland	
J.B.	Boulder	EVERYONE suffers from school budget cuts! When are we as a society going to realize that it affects the very future of America to cut school money for any grade in any location?
J.K.	Highlands Ranch	
D.H.		Look at Colorado's national ranking in education! We are in the bottom. What good does it do to bring hi-tech jobs here if we also have to import the people to fill those jobs because our kids are too poorly educated and trained to work in those fields?
A.A.	Grand Junction	Apparently our district must cut between 8 and 12 million dollars from the budget. I understand that the gifted and talented program is to be reduced. My daughter is just heading into 3rd grade when the program does more for her benefit. I'm disappointed that she may not benefit as other gifted and talented students have before her. It seems to me that our children are the future of our country. How can we cut education when so much depends on these children? We talk about increasing test scores and achievement...this cannot happen with budgets shrinking every time you turn around!
F.A. A.J.	Boulder Littleton	DO NOT CUT FINE ARTS!! THIS IS THE ONLY THING THAT GOT MY SON THROUGH HIS HIGH SCHOOL! HE IS GOING ON TO COLLEGE TO MAJOR IN MUSIC EDUCATION! WE NEED WELL ROUNDED KIDS!!!!!!!!!!
C.R.	Denver	
P.M.	Englewood, CO	
S.G.	Littleton	Our Literacy program is being cut. Now kids who are behind will fall even more behind. If they can't read they won't be able to do math, science, social studies, etc... Our class sizes keep getting bigger and bigger and our government values education so little that they keep making more and more cuts. More and more children are going to fall through the "cracks".
G.B. R.G. P.P.	Littleton Denver Grand Lake	Our small elementary school may close because of the cuts! Our community would lose its school that it dearly loves!!!
L.R. A.M. R.J. C.F.	Arvada Golden Wheat Ridge Denver	

P.M.	Denver	A society which has no money for education, no money for child care, no money to provide health care to all of its citizen is clearly a society at risk.... Of course, this society has trillion of dollars for war and military spending, tax cut for the wealthiest and money to build prisons
J.C. S.L. B.L. J.T.	Denver Littleton Lakewood Monument	LPSD is going to have to close down an entire elementary school, consolidate into one middle school, increase class size in rooms that are so hot and crammed with kids they can't even all stand up and move around at the same time, and cut numerous teaching positions of highly qualified loved individuals. LPSD already, for some reason unknown to many of us, recieves less state funding than any other district in the state of Colorado. Our teachers can relocate 5 miles North or 2 miles South and make 20% more per year. Pretty soon the love of teaching will be overshadowed by the simple need to pay the mortgage. If our schools, teachers and kids suffer our entire community will suffer.
K.C. C.C.	Winter Park Littleton	The funding cuts have devastated our schools with teachers being laid off, schools closing and programs cut. On the Unversity level it is worse. We have left the schools no choice but to raise tuition, thus ensuring that many students cannot go to college. We need ro prioritze education for the future of our state.
J.K. S.A. K.L.	Denver Fort Lupton Castle Rock	I'm concerned about this year... but terrified of next year and the year after! Something must be done! The administration seems to be doing everything they can to minimize impact on the classroom. Yet, the impact is inevitable. We are going to lose the quality of education in Douglas County if this is not remedied soon.
P.A.	Centennial	Class sizes have been increased...additional classes have been added to teachers' work loads so HS English teachers will be responsible for as many as 175 students...try grading essays for 175 students! Probationary teachers have been non-renewed..some of our best, most energetic young teachers!
S.P. E.M. D.C.	Granby Golden Denver	Our school was supposed to add an upper-elementary Montessori classroom this year. This is not going to happen, and now parents are being asked to move their children to a traditional classroom. Lincoln has been the school of choice for these parents because of the opportunity for a Montessor education. Lincoln has been a very high performing school the last few years, particularly because of the growth and parental involvement the Montessori program has provided.
J.K. H.D. C.B.	Monument Lakewood Golden	It's not just our children's education that is at stake, it's our future that is at stake as well.
C.H. M.R. B.A.	Grand Junction Aurora Granby	It is very likely that Grand Lake Elementary School will be closed. Grand Lake is a very small community and it will be a huge blow to lose our school.
G.C. S.E. A.W.	arvada Broomfield Denver	
L.N. F.M.	Grand Lake Morrison	My class sizes will jump to over 35 possibly next year. We are a district with many "special needs" students'. This is not good for students.
K.B. t.s. S.R. E.E. D.H.	Fort Collins Arvada Fraser denver Monument	Overcrowded classrooms!!! Poor learning environments, stressed teachers!!! Our district had to close one of our elementary schools due to budget cuts. Sadly, the savings from closing a school account for only 1/3 of the money that needs to be cut from the budget. Many teachers are losing their jobs as they consolidate schools and increase class size. I fear my children will have to endure larger class sizes with less support from specialists and less time with music and PE. Our teachers are pushed to the brink, asked to do more with less. Worst of all, there is no end in sight, just more and more cuts!

M.A.	Loveland	My 5th grade daughter has seen her class size increase by about 20% already and she cannot handle any larger of a class. Enough is enough!
K.P.	Denver	
J.S.	Westminster	BVSD will have to cut at least \$12 million from its budget for next year. I fear bigger class sizes, teacher layoffs, cuts to school activities and sports and the impact they will have on my daughter's education.
D.Z. S.G.	Thornton Parker	
K.B. D.O. M.N.	Denver Gilcrest Monument	I have 4 children at Lewis Palmer Elementary School. When my now 4th graders were in Kindergarten that class had 15 Students. That same Kindergarten class this year has 25 students. We are losing teachers, cutting programs, increasing class size substantially, closing a school, foregoing repairs, and barely staying afloat. When I was a sixth grader, my family moved to Georgia. The science text book read: Maybe someday we will send a man to the moon. This was in 1977. We left Georgia shortly thereafter. Don't let Colorado follow in this path. It is not just the schools. It is our entire society. As schools falter, and they are, so will property values, businesses, and infrastructure. Our society, as a whole will fail. Get rid of TABOR. MLO's are not the answer. We are counting on you to take a stand. You are creating your legacy. What will you be known for?
J.G.	Fort Lupton	
A.H.	Golden	My son is a sophomore and is looking at colleges. With these cuts, I am not sure he will be able to attend college.
K.a.	Granby	Class sizes have already grown to the point where students who don't "get it" right away are left behind. There is no way teachers can take on more students and still be able to identify and help those at risk of falling behind. We need to support our children NOW, and give them every opportunity to succeed.
G.S. N.B.	Golden Denver	Funding cuts are taking away educational support programs for children. It's hard to get teaching done with resources being removed more and more each year. We are short-staffed and under-supplied. I think teachers are pretty creative about how to handle this but there are limits.
D.W. R.S. B.B.	Ellicott Lakewood Broomfield	Please don't cut any more funds going toward our schools and education.... help to keep our state great by aiding great minds!
G.T. R.J. N.L.	Littleton Winter Park Littleton	School closures will have detrimental effects on our children and our property as well as the community as a whole.
J.K.	Denver	
S.L.	Steamboat Springs	
M.B. B.W.	Littleton Loveland	
S.M. C.K. K.S.	Golden Golden Agate	Budget cuts are creating the very real risk of eliminating programs vital to well rounded student development, and even to the extreme possibility of having to close schools.
J.L. E.C.	Centennial Centennial	My daughter goes to Homestead Elementary School. Cherry Creek School district will cut 16 million this year and 4 next year. This will impact the students by taking the teacher out of the Library, and having no teachers' assistants paid by the district. Our PTCO is now funding what used to be paid for by the school district. My son goes to CU Boulder. We cannot afford the increases predicted by the cuts. It has cost us over \$22,000 for his freshman year. Colorado is 41st in the nation for education funding in the country. These cuts just make us even worse. A long term solution to the problem is needed NOW, not next year.
K.D.	Palmer Lake	

C.S.	Parker	We are looking at losing 200-300 teaching positions for next year. Class sizes are going to go up, my kindergartner may move into a 1st grade class of 34 kids with no Para help. Graduation requirements have been lowered, along with choices of classes at the high school level. Administration is being cut to the bone and the central office is completely wiped-out.
J.A.	Castle Rock	Many families have been hit with job cuts and difficult economic times. If cuts are made in our budget, we will most likely lose teaching positions and classroom supplies. In addition, good teachers will be forced to leave the profession and everyone will be impacted. Too much is at stake! Cuts considered that really concern me are furlough days and higher classroom size.
T.H.	Dolores	I am in my fifth year of teaching at the same school where I started my career. I am a highly motivated, effective and well-liked teacher; I also love my job. Unfortunately, I cannot continue to work in a profession where my pay scale will not grow. For example, we were just informed that the pay in our district will be frozen for the next three years due to budget issues. I have decided to undertake a masters program in a field outside of education that has more consistent pay and benefits.
T.C.	Denver	
J.L.	Commerce City	
D.B.	Tabernash	Reduction in staff, counseling, administration, full day kindergarten. Closing an elementary school with a larger enrollment than the charter school in our small district of 1300 students because the charter school is protected by ridiculous laws!
K.F.	Golden	
J.E.	Denver	
V.B.	Arvada	Larger class sizes, fewer resources, under funded mandates, less or no money for staff development = larger drop out rates, fewer post graduation choices for students, higher pregnancy and crime rate among teenagers. Funding education benefits all of us!!
D.S.	Parker	
M.E.	Boulder	
J.L.	Monument	Lets not become another California!
G.B.	Golden	
S.W.	Centennial	
A.B.	Wheat Ridge	
L.B.	Tabernash	
J.K.	Denver	No more cuts to education. PTA makes our schools better!
K.C.	Pueblo	
L.H.	Monument	Students will not have the important resources they need. We are losing fantastic teachers. Class sizes will be too large, and therefore the impact on our children unacceptable. We have to invest in our children, not take away their opportunities.
T.V.	Castle Rock	
H.T.	Lakewood	
B.D.	Lakewood	There are already children in my son's class who are not getting the special attention that they need, which affects the other students' ability to learn. The teachers rely on help from parents to make up for the lack of funding for full time teacher aides.
B.A.	Grand Junction	My son goes to a school that teaches two different languages. Why take the ability to learn something like that away? Obama and our State Reps. want to help create more jobs but you will be taking jobs away from our teachers, the ones that are already underpaid and are most important in teaching our children.
K.B.	Golden	
D.L.	Louisville	Cutting funds to education hurt the present students and the future of our businesses. We need educated employees to keep and attract companies.
D.S.	Golden	
S.B.	Littleton	
L.E.	Crested Butte	
D.S.	Alamosa	
J.K.	Thornton	I was "let go" because of budget cuts and I am a science teacher who has won all kinds of awards for getting high student achievement and motivation. Due to me being let go, along with several others the class sizes in my school will increase from 33 per class to 42 per class. Students can not learn in that type of environment, nor is there enough equipment for that class size. Not to mention budget cuts = no more money for science equipment.

J.W. M.R.	Tabernash Lakewood	Our students at Foothills Elem are already struggling... more cuts will only hinder our children's potential to grow. PLEASE pay attention to what parents are saying.
M.H. J.J. K.M.	Williamsburg Arvada Granby	Don't know. Grand County Schools are facing a two million dollar shortfall over the next two years. We already have a four day school week, and an unprecedented number of parents are working on a budgeting committee and have proposed cuts in every possible arena. After Tabor we are already in a terrible position with our schools in Colorado. We can't keep doing this to our kids!
D.M. R.S. E.M. H.M. R.B. D.M. J.B.	Arvada Denver Denver Denver Elizabeth Arvada Westcliffe	Simply put, our kids are our future. Start supporting America's future by funding public education
S.O. M.B. B.L. S.S. C.G.	Denver Aurora Golden Englewood Lakewood	
S.T.	Dolores	Class Sizes will increase. More money out of my own pocket to use for the classroom and for kids who can't afford supplies or don't have the support at home. Fewer options to meet the needs of my child who is in the high school. More likely to take a class from a computer than a human being.
K.A. L.D.	Golden Castle Rock	My son, who is a junior, is in the IB program. Since they have cut the bussing for the IB students, it limits the number of children (especially 9th & 10th graders, who do not drive yet) entering this wonderful program. IB caters to the children that excel and want to challenge themselves academically. These students exhibit higher performance and success rates in their future beyond high school. While bussing is kept for special needs children, which I also support, bussing has been cut for potential IB students. I believe that we need to care for all the children, regardless of their academic ability. But it saddens me to think that children who had hopes of entering IB may not be able to so. I would rather see bussing cut down to a limited service, if it keeps the educators, technology, aids, theater/arts, etc. in place. In Douglas County we have already done that along with cut many other positions and services. So with these additional funding cuts we are not only damaging and taking away from our children's education, we are taking away from the future of America. Fortunately, I am a stay at home mom and the ability to get my child to and from school. This is only one of the many areas that we feel the crunch.
K.M. P.W.	Littleton Centennial	Without strength in the education of our children our future is lost. Losing high quality teachers/educators will be a loss felt for decades. Education should be number one our list to support. Otherwise we are giving away our children and grandchildren's future. Where has our common sense gone?
M.C.	Rocky Ford	One elementary school is being closed and that means shuffling the 7th and 8th grade to the high school now since the elementary kids are being sent to the middle school. Also, many staff are being laid off. This is going to effect the town's economy too. Raise the taxes on the rich - equal out the school money so not just the rich areas get it all. Our kids are as important as theirs. Put Tabor before the voters again!
D.I.	Westminster	I work at the University of Colorado at Boulder and EVEN though we get less than 7% of our funding from the state, WE are STILL being asked to cut even more, and this directly affects personnel (layoffs), which in turn affects the service we can provide our customers--our students. It is rather ridiculous to consider us a state institution with such POOR support!
V.H. J.B. A.M. L.B. J.F.	Colorado Springs Golden Evergreen Golden Arvada	We are looking at losing at least two teachers with an increase of students per class.

L.H.	Gunnison	Music and art classes are vital to providing students with an opportunity for a well rounded education. Bus services are also critical for families in rural areas, such as Gunnison.
D.K.	Greeley	
M.S. C.M.	Boulder Greenwood Village	My child has special needs and requires a full day of school. We moved to this district to have some of the best services in the state. Our children must move forward in education, not backwards. Please don't risk our kid's education for a 4-day week.
J.J. S.Y. A.H. M.C. G.S.	Centennial Denver Winter Park Arvada Monument	Our district is already cut to the bare bones. There is no more to take. Next comes class sizes that are over 30 pupils. Kids can't learn that way and teachers can't teach that way. I thought Colorado valued education. I was proud to be a part of the educational system here. Please don't make the students or teachers suffer any more cuts.
L.L.	Louisville	
S.P.	Denver	We are in a great school, but every year we are forced to make cuts and skim budgets. Children should be the priority, not the easy targets they have been historically. It is also good long-term strategy, as well-educated children become well-educated adults.
T.J.	Colorado Springs	
J.P. R.L.	Golden Arvada	Why are our children and grandchildren not entitled to the same education standards that we were? Just remember that the small amount of money we save won't even make a deposit on the prisons that will be needed when kids turn to a life of crime because of their lack of education.
L.R.	Lakewood	Our daughter is an honor student in the marching and jazz band at Bear Creek High School. She, like many other students, cannot have their future jeopardized by more budget cuts. NO MORE CUTS!!!!
L.F.	Broomfield	
K.R.	Winter Park	EGSD will be affected on so many levels, it is hard to even describe. We will have to close schools which would force us to transport kids further and will result in crowded classes. We have already lost our Para, which is a huge part of our district's needs. The district is talking about cutting all funding for sports and field trips have already been cut along with nine jobs. This results in crowded classrooms with no extracurricular activities to help expand the knowledge and experience gained from these activities. I am so disappointed with our current laws; I never know how crippling it would be on our county until this year.
D.D. S.E. M.F. F.A. C.H. A.M. G.G.	Arvada Englewood Centennial Granby Lakewood Centennial Wheat Ridge	We have already lost good teachers and our class sizes are 25-30 kids. I am, of course, concerned about the poor funding in K-12 in Colorado. But I would also like to draw attention to the future implications of not funding higher education at a meaningful level. Children entering elementary school this year face the very real possibility that they (and their families) will be priced out of a college education. The level of state funding for the state colleges and universities in Colorado is a real issue. It is time for the adult population in this state (the most educated in the US) to take stock of the opportunities they have been afforded and to be as generous to future generations as past generations were to them!
M.T.	Superior	
H.B.	Boulder	

M.J.	Louisville	Let's start to think creatively on how to generate revenue for our public schools. Pooling resources with other government entities and not-for-profits could possibly help in streamlining services and generate funds for schools. Our schools sit empty during the summer. Our districts will benefit by opening up buildings to provide space for camps and community programs. Our district's administrative staff needs to be closely audited and duplicate or unnecessary positions should be eliminated at this level. Additionally, support staff at the school level should be assessed. Do we really need 2 to 3 employees in the principal's office? What about para-educators? This position could be revamped by better scheduling, training and better time management. The state can provide leadership in these areas. Let's insure that our students and their classrooms do not bear the brunt of these difficult economic conditions!
K.G. M.F.	Tabernash Crested Butte	We are in the middle of a huge construction project to expand our school to accomodate growth in our area. This fall our teachers won't have to share classrooms, will have more workspace for planning and will ideally be better able to offer quality education to our community's students. We need to offer our kids the best education possible.
K.D.	Lakewood	I don't think it is in the best interest of the future leaders of our country to be put in classes with 30-35 students. How will our "special" kids ever get ahead in life if they don't get the support they need?
J.S.	Grand Junction	
R.C.	Colorado Springs	I work with all the teachers new to Rampart each year. How can we possibly attract quality educators when salaries AND retirement plans are taking a huge hit??
E.O. S.W. M.C.	Nederland Crested Butte Mancos	These cuts will affect my job, my kids, and all the students in Colorado. Please find other means to deal with the budget.
J.M. S.S. K.L.	Golden La Junta Littleton	This year my son was placed into a 3/4 combo class where his social studies and science curricula is given half the time than it would be because of sharing the teacher across two grades. Ironically, this is the year for Colorado history. The sixth grade students have 33 students in a class--probably even a fire code violation, if we pretend not to care about their learning. In my classroom, the technology is failing, the bandwidth is inadequate, and the next GLE (Grade Level Expectations) from the State have been released and I am required to better prepare my students for 21st Century Learning with technology--all without working technology.
J.B.	Denver	
S.R. E.G.	Winter Park Denver	
O.F.	Henderson	I know I am not a Colorado Resident but I go to CSU and it is the greatest thing that has every happened to me. I am a civil engineering major and am extremely passionate about finding solutions to the problems of our generation. If CSU's tution increases, and I have to go back to Nevada, that means going back to a school with terrible education and no opportunities. I am thankful every day for the opportunities I have here in Colorado and I truly hope you will not take that away from me.
K.K.	Colorado Springs	
J.H. L.V. B.B. M.R.	Granby Dolores Littleton Granby	Reduction of staff to provide instruction and interventions! The funding cuts mean loss of special help for special students, loss of students, loss of super teachers, and loss of education for our society. How can a society thrive where education is not supported? If we cannot afford to educate our own, then here we come poverty!
T.M.	Longmont	
R.B. C.S.	Fort Collins Winter Park	

J.W.	Arvada	My son is in second grade at Russell Elementary in Arvada, but he will be going into the new K-8 school at Arvada Middle School. I took a tour last week while school was in session and I was very surprised at how big the middle school kids are. I hope for my child's sake he does well there-- he is a pretty small boy and sometimes has a hard time making friends. I also worry that he might be easily influenced by these older kids. Twenty five years ago I recall middle school and the things I saw and got involved in. I cannot say that they were all bad, but I do know that as a child I was easily swayed to do the wrong thing on more than one occasion. My son's future could be at risk. I hope you do the right thing. Janice White
V.W.	Boulder	Between \$10 and \$20 million are the estimated cuts from our budget. The current class size for the district is 1:26 but there are actually up to 37 kids in some of my high schooler's regular classes. This year the district is adding at least one child to the ratio and teachers are very upset as are parents. We don't feel our kids will be as competitive in college.
J.D. A.R. R.R. K.F. M.S. D.L. N.I.	Dolores Lakewood Littleton Golden Falcon Rocky Ford Grand Junction Granby	No AP classes.
A.L.		Our cuts are deep and this is only the beginning. YOU MUST CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THAT WILL REPEAL AND REPLACE BOTH TABOR AND GALLAGHER, AS WELL AS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR EXTREMISTS TO GET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT. Everything else will just be another band-aid...
J.P. V.S. B.B.	Denver Wheat Ridge Greeley	
M.P. K.W.	Castle Rock Fleming	Small schools cannot offer as many programs as larger schools. Important programs will have to be cut. Our students need a well rounded education so that they will have more opportunities for a productive future.
L.C. A.P. M.M.	Superior Palmer Lake Las Animas	Attended this week's community meeting about budget cuts; terrible situation unfolding due to state budget cuts and loss of grants. 20% of the budget is going away and everything from functioning without a superintendent to removing teachers, summer school, counselors, transportation, and athletic programs. Please do all you can to lessen the cuts and consider finding new sources of revenues for the schools. If we can't fund basic education the public assistance roles will dramatically rise within a few short years and those programs cost more than the costs of funding education now.
J.H. B.C.	Highlands Ranch Thornton	
K.J.	Fraser	Please support a constitutional amendment to roll back Tabor & Arveschoug-Bird and stop crippling our public programs!
L.E. C.S.	Yuma Centennial	I teach in Englewood. The cuts there in staff are going to impact our student population adversely. We are already being asked to do more and more with less parental and administration support and less materials in a less conducive environment. Due to RIFing the class size numbers for next year will likely put the already stressed and tired teachers over the edge. It is sad that cost to save money results in damning teachers to work with the ever increasing expectations with no end in sight. The ultimate result is hurting all children. Not only our students but also our own children whom we don't see b/c we work 12-15 hour days in the vain effort to keep up. And just so you are clear, this is NOT about the money teachers make - yes, I do think for the work teachers do, we are underpaid, but we did not enter the profession to earn millions. We entered the profession to work with students, instill a love of learning, to teach, to inspire, to make a difference. As a 15 year veteran I now tell college kids NOT to enter the field of education. Why would anyone willing work in such a thankless profession?

G.S.	Denver	
T.W.	Colorado Springs	
P.S.	Greenwood Village	
J.H.	Denver	
N.D.	Eagle	My child who has special needs will be in kindergarten in a classroom that will be too big & will make her critical first few years of school difficult for her. She needs the smallest classroom size possible & instead she'll get the biggest I've ever seen.
K.E.	Monument	
A.G.	Tabernash	We will not have the support or staff in order to help the children at risk in our district in all core subjects. We are going to have to pick and choose those things that we teach the children. We also have had to cut our middle school social worker and I fear for the safety of our students. She has done a lot of risk assessments and suicide prevention work with the students. I hope that we will not see any problems from this cut, but it is one that is going to hit us hard and has really hurt our district
M.Y.	Littleton	In our district we are losing programs and options for our students. Our class sizes are increasing. We are losing teachers and other vital staff who are key to students' education. Teachers who manage to survive the cuts will lose both benefits and salary which is key to their families' survival as well. I personally fear that our children will suffer not only in the short term but in the long term. Education is a complex process and educators are doing everything they can to try and make all children succeed even with fewer resources I fear that public schools are becoming warehouses for kids that have too many needs to realistically meet. Truthfully, I don't want to even send my daughter to public school. Schools face so many issues because Colorado does not prioritize the education of every child in this state.
J.M.	Fraser	
J.W.	Boulder	It is time to prioritize lottery money to Colorado education. Let's join the rest of the nation in disributing lottery money to our schools.
F.L.	Colorado Springs	
S.I.	Fort Collins	
M.C.	Fleming	Those of us in education understand (perhaps more than other professions) the value of a dollar and how hard it is to come by. Educators and administrators have always been asked to be cautious with spending and stretch every dollar. A small school like Fleming is especially mindful of this, and so our kids press on and strive to be at the top of everything they do in spite of current and past politics affecting educational funding. Our state and national government continually preach that our nation's educational system is inadequate and even goes as far as saying that if school districts (meaning teachers, administrators, & support staff) just worked as hard as they should then school children everywhere would excel and all would be wonderful in the world. The truth is that when our governments (local, state, & national) and the politicians that run them decide that school children are their priority (to the same level that those individuals who are working in the trenches in the field of education) then real change will happen. Fleming has been very wise over recent years in the way that our money has been spent -- however with the ever increasing cuts in funding we will be facing employee layoffs and further cuts to programs (especially those areas of music, art, athletics, and extra-curricular events). In other words all those programs that I remember as a kid as making school fun, enriching, and adding so much to a well-rounded education. I would ask that our lawmakers make a priority list before deciding on the state budget -- and our kids need to be No. 1 on that list. If we expect our kids to excell and be at the top of the world's standards educationally, then we better be willing to fund their programs and treat that as a No. 1 priority!
J.R.	Denver	
S.S.	Denver	
S.K.	Parker	We are facing much larger class sizes, parents paying for transportation, and cuts in teacher pay (we are already on a salary freeze and health insurance has been severely impacted). It will become very difficult to find qualified teachers and/or keep them in the field with the continuation of salary and health benefit reductions.
S.P.	Golden	
K.L.	Greenwood Village	
W.S.	Thornton	

L.B.	Denver	I work in Adams County District 12 and they have cut over 24 million dollars to the district, which will affect my job as a counselor, but even more importantly, it will affect the students. The teachers who are unionized have priority, which means some very talented teachers will be let go over those who have been there longer. I think this is sad for the kids.
L.B. C.F.	Denver Kremmling	
T.L. E.M. S.M.	Fruita Denver Lakewood	Special Education Services have been cut drastically over the last few years, without taking into consideration this latest round. One example is that there's no longer a Sensory and Motor Services program for preschool aged children. Another example is that each of Jefferson County's Occupational Therapists may service 5 or more schools -- devoting only 1 day or part of one day to each school. Under these circumstances it's impossible to identify and serve all of our kids with special needs.
M.P. C.D. D.H.	Fort Lupton Arvada Centennial	We are talking about classes of 28-30+ students in class, cuts in literacy support. Down from 15 teachers in our school to 11. At this point we are looking at private schools because we think the quality will be too low for our kids.
W.S.	Granby	Our students can't afford any more cuts, they have had so many cuts already. This school district has grown by leaps and bounds and has made it that much easier for kids to get into college. Why are we cutting the schools budgets?
A.B. K.G. C.T. S.D. K.H. S.M.	Grand Lake Monument Boulder Lakewood Lakewood Dolores	Combined classes Our district has been committed to small class sizes for the primary grades. Class size for the first grade will increase by 5-8 students. We have a state of the art technology program K-12. Due to funding cuts this program greatly impacted by a .5 cut in staff.
E.R. P.S. K.L.	Arvada Peyton Littleton	Our gifted and talented students barely receive the services they need as it is. With further budget cuts, they will have little opportunity to develop their talents and become the creators and leaders of the future. We need to develop these talents and close the achievement gap that exists at the high end of the scale. Budget cuts will only make that task more impossible. Children have one chance to go through the education systems. We can't put their lives on hold. Please don't allow us to lose a generation due to poor policy decisions.
J.R. R.G.	Louisville Tabernash	10% of our district's school budget will be cut in 2010-11 and another 10% or more the following year. Our school has lost a teacher, a custodian, a part-time nurse, and has had our instructional budget substantially cut. Do you really care about improving public education or is that just rhetoric?
C.E. M.H.	Lakewood Crested Butte	
B.B.	Crested Butte	The Gunnison-Watershed School District is facing a \$1 million cut in a \$12 million budget. Ouch! My husband and I have two fifth graders, and this concerns us a great deal. The school district is being as efficient as possible already. Please consider K-12 education when making budget decisions. Thank you.
M.H.	Hotchkiss	
A.G. D.M.	Litteton Tabernash, CO	Budget cuts will not only effect how well our children are being educated, but also their health and wellbeing. This will effect them for years to come and Colorado as a whole. The children are our future. Once budget cuts are completed there will be no turning back the clock as to what we lose now and in the future.
J.W. C.O.	Golden Peyton	

L.E.	Oak Creek	The two fourth grade classes at South Routt Elementary may be combined into one class, which would make the class size between 36-40 students with one teacher. This is unacceptable. If we do not support the education of our children with all the complexities of this world, we are all in for a rude awakening. We need to be thinking seven generations ahead and P:LAN FOR AN INFORMED FUTURE by investing in our children TODAY!!!
M.N. R.M.	Parker	In my third grade classroom, there could be more than 30 students and no additional help. Primary aged students are learning the fundamentals necessary for them to be lifetime learners and huge class sizes will decrease their chances, regardless of how well I teach. The optimum class size is 18 and doubling the size will seriously decrease the amount of time I can spend with each student! Our copy counts have been decreased and the amount of paper available has decreased to the point that I already have to ask parents to donate more paper. The essentials are being cut. Why not cut the high paid purchasing agents that work for the state, or decrease the number of road workers being paid to patch roads?
G.G. W.P. R.K.	Arvada Arvada Arvada	
J.G. S.H.	Golden Fort Collins	My twin sister and I are both first generation college students. We are funding our own education, and with tuition increases, this gets more difficult each year. It has been our family's dream for us to be the first to acquire college degrees, and we would be devastated to fail simply because we cannot afford it. An education should be affordable to all who wish to acquire one, not just the upper class.
K.S. A.B. L.B.	Thornton Lakewood Boulder	It is VERY important that education be preserved as much as possible. Arts, music and PE are crucial to the development of children and must be preserved.
K.A. L.O.	Greeley Mt Crested Butte	Larger class sizes
G.F. S.N. T.D.	Englewood Boulder Arvada	We are already at the point where our children are having cuts made in their schools and it can't continue without it affecting them and their education directly. Please don't take more from our children and our future.
J.B. S.S. M.H. K.M.	Golden Centennial Telluride Centennial	We might go to a 4 day school week...
R.M.	Littleton	Budget cuts mean loss of qualified teachers, increased class size, termination of excellent programs (IB, AVID, G/T) and insufficient materials.
S.H. D.M. V.C. J.G. P.F. L.F. B.P. M.L. C.G. R.P. S.N.	Loveland Thornton Agate Golden Tabernash Boulder Boulder Fort Collins Wheat Ridge Grand Lake Fraser	Less funding equals teacher cuts and salary freezes. The future is based on education today. You may as well have nothing if you cut that deep! Studies show that girls who are involved in athletics from an early age, are less likely to take drugs or get pregnant in their adolescent years! Please do not cut our budget, and activities like athletics...we need all the help we can get!

L.C.	Denver	I am a librarian in a public library. I work with the Douglas County Schools on a regular basis. The students at both of my schools have virtually empty bookshelves in their libraries. This mean that the students and teachers come to us for books. However, since we can only provide so many books and are in a budget crunch ourselves, we don't have enough books to provide. It is an intertwined system that affects every student and teacher and the libraries as well. in addition, the school district used to provide databases to their students. Because of budget cuts, the schools can no longer provide those. The public library is now the sole provider of those services. Every child deserves a decent selection of materials at their school and our schools can no longer provide that. It is a sad situation.
K.P. D.S. W.A. L.H. J.R.	Golden Denver Golden Grand Lake Arvada	Our school administrators are going to be doing lunch duty and playground duty since so many of our support staff are being released. Is this really how we want to use these important, but pricey people?
F.V. P.B. L.N. J.C.	Erie Monument Boulder Parker	Please keep classroom sizes small! It is in the best interest of the children.
H.R.	Grand Junction	Because of the recent budget cuts, I have been forced to work two jobs just to pay for my college fees and rising tuition. This cannot continue, or else I will leave Colorado to find a new college. Out of state students will stop coming to Colorado for college.
C.R.	Fowler	
N.G. C.V.	Tabernash Englewood	We are an alternative school holding our own with student population year after year (about 450 students in our day and evening programs) yet we lost two teachers in addition to two retirements last year and the same is happening again this year, with two teachers being let go on top of one retirement and another teacher leaving the teaching profession. With that and other cuts (to buses, for example) the variety of offerings keeps dropping and class sizes keep increasing. Imagine what the situation would be if our enrollment were instead dropping!
M.H. B.S. C.M.	Granby Denver Golden	How about we cut back 25% of senate and congress and asked the remainder to pick up the slack. This would be tough and would short change the public. This is what we are doing to the youth of Colorado.
K.F. D.T. H.G.	Lakewood Lakewood Denver	We are having to cut teachers at our school which will mean higher class sizes and less individual attention for students.
M.O. H.H.	Northglenn Fountain	It is sad. Teachers, counselors, para-professionals are all being cut or asked to take salary cuts.
J.W.	Gunnison	
R.Y. S.L.	Ellicott Grand Junction	American children are already poorly educated compared to other parts of the world.
J.N. H.C.	Granby Colorado Springs	Our district is looking to cut 11-16 million dollars from the current budget, which will impact everything from transportation to pay cuts, classroom size, tutors, LRTs, LRE and on and on. Very frightening and we are told next year the effects will be even worse.
L.J. B.C.	Frederick Highlands Ranch	
L.B.	Centennial	Littleton is making nearly all its cuts at the high school level. I understand the importance of early ed, but my children are both in high school. They should have every opportunity for quality classes and access to teachers that they need to be successful when they enter college!
K.N.	Denver	

L.E.	Denver	Less teachers on the playgrounds to monitor kids. Cut-backs in specialty teachers such as Spanish, Art and Music. I ask the politicians to think of what could happen to their own kids, nieces, nephews, etc. and how they will be impacted. To hear how the U.S. is not even ranked in the top 20 compared to other countries is disheartening.
H.G. S.M.	Castle Rock Golden	
J.H.	Monument	We have made so many wonderful advances in education over the past decade. With smaller class sizes, teachers are able to differentiate and meet the educational needs of all children. With larger class sizes, this will be impossible. Teachers will then go back to teaching to the masses at an average or below average level. With more budget cuts, the teachers who work with specialized groups of children will be cut. If cuts need to be made, consider eliminating CSAP's. How unfair it would be to test children, grade schools, and judge teachers when the districts can't afford to give adequate services and meet the needs of their students.
J.H. S.H. A.V.	Denver Lakewood Granby	We will be cutting 3 teacher and our media paraprofessional. This will cause our class sizes to go up and our library usage to drop.
k.D. S.S. T.B. D.M. Y.D.	Centennial Fraser Arvada Wheat Ridge Highlands Ranch	Funding for education should be TOP priority!
J.T. S.W.	Golden	My Daughter in Law is trying desperately to finish her degree while working and caring for her nine year old son. My grandson (her son) is very smart and needs his interest in school to continue. We are middle class and my children's education is at stake. Please Help!
M.F. G.J.	Granby Lafayette	We are losing vital curriculum personnel as well as support staff in the schools. Our school budgets have been cut leaving no option but to reduce programs available to the students.
M.W. D.C. A.W. J.C.	Westminster Agate Wheat Ridge Oak Creek	We are looking at 4-day weeks, teachers having to absorb health insurance premiums, cuts in school nurse availability, bigger class sizes, bus fees, classroom fees, fees for kindergarden, and on and on....
J.A.	Lafayette	I have taught a reading intervention program for three years. I just found out last week that I will not be renewed. The program I teach is district mandated, but the FTE comes out of the building's budget. My program focused on a small class size: I only had 45 students a day. So that the building does not have to give away FTE to a few students, the program is being turned over to the Special Ed department and the ELL department, which are federally mandated. This means their FTE does not come out of the building budget. It also means that those teachers will no longer be focusing on their populations, but will be teaching to the mid level student who are almost but not quite at grade level in their reading.
K.S. D.S. M.S. L.E. A.B.	Golden Denver Centennial Monument Littleton	Budget cuts will result in having to cut teachers and therefore larger classes. Our school has lost out on much needed building improvements, a loss of staff and class sizes so large currently that students are being left behind academically whether they are struggling and need more assistance, or are exceling and need to be challenged. Schools are closing, students are being shuffled around and I fear for my children's future and that of our beloved elementary school.
G.S.	Monument	
R.S.	Centennial	

L.W.	Centennial	Students are reading from outdated books. We are now 2-3 years behind on technology, and students are not getting exposed and/or trained to the most current technology. Many very good teachers are choosing to leave teaching due to the hostile environment and lack of support for education from all directions. Our class sizes are up above 32 and will be above 35-36 for next year. In a middle school, those numbers are dangerous. Our administration is creative with money and staffing, however, if there is no money, there are few choices to make.
J.J. S.W.	Englewood Ridgway	Colorado is already failing in education, we CANNOT take more!!! Stop putting dollars into so much USELESS places and put them in our FUTURE!
C.O.	Denver	
P.C.	Greenwood Village	
S.W.	Grand Lake	We have one school in our small community and after next year we may not have an elementary school here at all....we may lose our school which means it will be tougher for our families to get their children to school in Granby, 20 minutes away. We are also moving to a 5 day week to try to attract children from other nearby towns into the school. This means the teachers work an extra day without a pay increase (instead they'll get a pay cut), and we'll have larger class sizes. We may also start having to pay for our children to go to kindergarten. These children are suffering as well as the families because of these cuts and something needs to be done so the children,their families,and the wonderful teachers are not punished by these decisions.
M.A. C.G. N.D.	Monument Denver Walden	I have a daughter with a 4.2 gpa. She performs community service in a leadership position, holds a job, participates in sports, is a newspaper editor, and comes from a single parent family. (Her father is deceased.) All of this and yet she received no scholarship help in Colorado for college. She recently moved out of state to establish residency elsewhere so she could go to graduate school. As a single parent, I have loans and I am paying on at 8.5%. Even the Stafford and Perkins loans no longer have a good rate of interest. I make \$37,000 as a rural educator and am facing a salary freeze this year while the bankers gave themselves huge bonuses for . . . what, fleecing the public so successfully.
K.P. G.B.	Crested Butte Colorado Springs	
K.H.	Crested Butte	We have been cutting over the past several years. For example, our textbook replacement program was cut 5 or 6 years ago and has not been reinstated. These new cuts will mean increases to class sizes.
M.R.	Denver	
K.T.	Wheatridge	Martensen and Wheat Ridge Jr. have been threatened with closure. This would not be good for the kids or the neighborhoods. We have to address the short term and long term consequences of not funding education. Additional cutting is not an option.
J.A.	Littleton	
J.C.	Westminster	Class sizes are getting larger. The purchase of technology has been delayed - how can we prepare our children for jobs that don't yet even exist if they can't have access to basic technology? Technology also helps teachers do their jobs more effectively so that they have more time to teach our children!
S.Z. K.S.	Boulder Highlands Ranch	
M.A.	Golden	Please review the "special wants" schools, chartered schools like DeEvelyn, Manning and Dennison that pull money from the budget for a select few. People from these schools admit it is like getting a private education at the tax payers expense. If these funds moved back into mainstream schools, maybe we could raise the bar at all schools.
L.H.	Denver	
C.S. C.L.	Denver Littleton	My son is a bright kid, but the larger the class sizes get, the worse he does -- it's hard to concentrate with 25 8-year-old running around! There must be other things we can sacrifice -- anything other than education!!
K.K.	Lakewood	

G.S. J.G. S.M. P.S.	Denver Golden Winter Park Greenwood Village Lakewood uninc. Jeffco	My kids will be impacted by fewer school days, furloughed teachers and program cuts. Why be a second class state? Really, 48th in the nation when it comes to funding? Our schools need to be in the forefront of technology, not ten years after the fact.
A.B. K.K. D.G.	Littleton Denver Littleton	I loved the 4-day school week as a kid, but we had nine hour days. That did save the Gilpin County School district money. I feel that is the only logical cut the school districts could make without jeopardizing the education of our children. Please take that into consideration as you move forward.
V.K. E.M. J.S.	Lafayette Golden Granby	As a paraprofessional in the school I can see a big change in special education. With less and less help in the schools the kids suffer. Not just those with severe needs but those who just make the cut off. They are slipping through the cracks each year and with less teachers those cracks are going to spread wide open.
J.R. C.L.	Denver Highlands Ranch	My son's GT teacher has been cut, the school is losing an AMAZING Assistant Principal, teachers are being cut left and right. The class sizes are going to greatly increase. This is NOT okay, especially since we are a high performing district!
M.J. J.T.	Fort Collins Colorado Springs	We know what works to increase student achievement. Colo. Spgs. Dist. 11 has shown gains for six years in a row. We are now forced to consider removing funding from interventions that work, in order to keep class sizes manageable and to not make wholesale cuts to employee positions. With cuts that are coming, we won't be able to give technical assistance to schools to meet the needs of students.
M.M. E.E. B.U. K.S.	Fruita Lakewood Littleton Denver	We, the parents at our local Denver Public School, were called to an emergency meeting and told that we need to raise \$120,000 just to keep intact our current programs and not lose more than the 6 staff positions that are already gone. Nice, if the parents can cover this year, but what about other less-economically advantaged schools and future years? Education in Colorado is essentially a public/private partnership with only those schools whose parents can pay providing what children deserve under our state constitution. We cannot allow this funding conundrum to continue.
J.L.	Littleton	I'm a school psychologist in Littleton, as well as have 2 daughters in Littleton Public Schools. At the school I work at, 2 (top notch, dedicated) teachers will be getting cut. Another school in the district had to cut 7 teachers from their building. My daughter's class sizes are growing--current second grade class has 27 kids! This will only get worse next year. Enough is enough. It's time to invest in our future--which is the education of our kids. We can't keep providing a quality education with the cuts, yet we get scrutinized for being a country with low test scores. Time to make a change.
L.R. J.S. K.W.	Grand Junction Golden Denver	Education is the future as it allows people to have the skills to subjectively make decions and opinions on important issues that will effect their life and others.
M.J. D.J. H.S.	Simla Colorado Springs Colorado Springs	Protect Higher Education by amending the constitution! Corrections should not be funded more than Higher Education.
R.V. P.K.	Denver Superior	The US cannot lag behind other countries in providing education to its kids. The TAG, Music & Art programs are needed to help kids learn better and take them to the next level. Please find ways to curb expenses of some programs that waste money. Cutting the education budget means you are curtialing the future generation. Mediocrity is not an option in this global economy.
K.B. D.A.	Golden Parker	Education should be the priority in Colorado!

D.J. P.G. S.M.	Granby Lawrenceville Highlands Ranch	With all families dealing with the economic conditions, job layoffs and the rising cost of living, substantial fee increases for public education are going to put added stress on students and families. . . . Class sizes are already getting too large for teachers to teach effectively.
N.M. C.W. K.F.	Parker Golden Denver	I run a high tech company. I do not understand for a second why Colorado...a high tech economy state, can be in the bottom half of the country in spending on education. A smart constituency is a powerful constituency. Does our state govt. believe that if they can keep their constituents stupid they have more control? For what it is worth.....I am a result of the state of Ohio's efforts in the late 80's early 90's unemployed worker retraining. I had been on and off unemployment for years. Then they allowed me to to go school, and collect unemployment. Since my graduation I have only collected unemployment for maybe a month since 1993. Education leads to opportunity, and opportunity leads to problem resolution. Thank you for taking the time to review my signature.
L.M. J.G. J.K.	Evergreen Golden Fort Collins	We will have more students in our classes. Research shows that this directly effects students. Our district wants our high school teachers to teach an additional class, which would cause a loss of 18 teachers' jobs. This would give our 9th graders a "free period" rather than a study hall or transition class. Our district is also talking about the possible need to ask employees to take furlough days. This would mean fewer days that students would be in school. Finally, our district is talking about cutting their budget for supplies used in classrooms. This means that students need to supply more of their own school supplies in order to get their "free public education". On another note, as a parent of two college students, I see a huge increase in the cost of higher education.
P.J. P.R.	Highlands Ranch Golden	My first grade son is in a class of 26 students - 19 of which are boys. It gets a little rowdy and distracting. With the proposed budget cuts class size will increase close to 30.
J.L. J.F.	Littleton Grand Junction	I am an elementary intervention teacher who works with students who struggle in reading and math. My students have difficulty performing at the average level of their peers, and are in need of small group instruction. Programs like mine are in jeopardy of being cut, which means that my students will be placed back into a regular classroom. Unfortunately, these students will most likely not receive the individualized help they need from their classroom teacher who has 25 or more other students. They are at serious risk of reaching middle school at a 1st to 3rd grade reading level without intervention and support. Imagine the frustration for them as they get older, and the increasing likelihood they will drop out before high school. Our children are our future, shouldn't we be investing more into them rather than taking away from them?
T.F. K.B. M.C.	Riggins Lakewood Dolores	Students in Dolores attend school in run-down buildings badly in need of repair. Despite the passage of a mill levy that made possible some improvements, water runs down the walls and over electrical boxes, before pooling on the floor. Text books are in short supply, literature books are ragged and missing pages, and teachers must often fund class projects from their own pockets. Next year's projected class sizes are much larger, while staff salaries and health insurance -- already below the state average -- will take a cut. In the meantime, pressure to have our schools make AYP with every student "proficient" is unrelenting. Increasingly, our students come from broken homes where substance abuse is a way of life. It is unfair for schools and children to continue to make do with less. Ignoring our children's education and limiting their futures in neither moral nor economically advantageous. We will all pay -- now or later.
M.R. C.G. L.W.	Grand Lake Crested Butte Golden	Our class sizes CANNOT get any bigger! Good teachers need to stay and be adequately compensated! And we wonder why the US lags behind the world in academics? It starts here, people.
L.K. A.C.	Pagosa Springs Lakewood	Our class sizes are OUT of control. We do not have enough teachers.

J.N.	Denver	
T.M.	Conifer	
A.A.	Denver	
K.W.	Lakewood	
T.S.	Golden	
A.B.	Arvada	
L.G.	Centennial	
L.G.	Westminster	Larger class size, less extra curricular, less class options, less safety
A.B.	Arvada	Budget cuts are just bad for everyone involved, especially students and their futures.
F.H.	Boulder	
B.P.	Lafayette	Children from low income families, from all cultures, will be greatly impacted by cuts. Their opportunity to have an equitable access to education in the areas literacy, music, arts, ...will be greatly affected if any of these subject areas or programs are cut. Thus having a long term negative effect and impacting our society at large.
J.B.	Golden	Our schools are already in abysmal shape. I cannot believe you are contemplating further cuts!
R.W.	Denver	
M.M.	Pueblo	What matters now is how we prepare for the future! Shortchanging the students of Colorado will not make us more competitive as a state or as an economic destination for businesses. FULLY FUND EDUCATION NOW, it's what drives EVERYTHING!!!
R.F.	Wheat Ridge	
P.B.	Littleton	Last year, teachers got no raises, but the administration did this year. They hired 33 more administrators, yet just consolidated two schools and are talking teacher cuts and making class sizes bigger. Superintendent to get 3% raise.
J.S.	Dolores	
C.P.	Denver	
A.G.	Ramah	
M.R.	Greeley	
I.p.	Golden	
J.U.	Arvada	I have been in this school district for 17 years. I have seen us go through many changes however, with the current budget cuts it will impact student learning due to size of classes. We have some awesome teachers and also awesome first year teachers that unfortunately we will have to let go due to budget cuts. My daughter is a first grade teacher and in her 7th year. It's a shame that I have to say I wish she would have picked another profession where she could have made much more money than she does in education. However, her love and passion for teaching is something money can't match. She was offered a \$60,000 job with a car and turned it down because she loves what she does. Education always seems to take the biggest hit when it comes down to a budget crisis. Why is that? Are our youth not worth the effort? This is a sad state of affairs and I say STOP the education budget cuts. Both my kids graduated from this school district and had a wonderful education. If you look at our statistics of number of students who go on to college, I think you will agree, our kids ARE worth our investment!
E.G.	Black Forest	
M.M.	Greeley	Since TABOR, our state budget "pie" is too small. All we hear from politicians is "cut taxes". Our taxes in Colorado are too low. We need to find the guts to raise taxes so that our state can have the kind of services and amenities that we all desire and need.
E.T.	Westminster	
J.G.	Lakewood	
S.O.	Canon City	This is depressing how the president grants money for us to pay off our own debts, but we're leaving behind the future generations to be cut out from what we were given as children ourselves. This is an outrage.
L.H.	Highlands Ranch	
K.W.	Gunnison	
D.S.	Fort Collins	Funding for K-12 is bad enough but higher ed funding in Colorado is deplorable. How is our state to prosper in the future is our students can't get the education they need to thrive in the new 21st century economy? How can we realistically expect to attract new businesses to the state without a skilled workforce? Continued education funding cuts are a shortsighted economic solution that will come back to haunt us very quickly. Quality education, at all levels, must be affordable and accessible to everyone.

D.L. R.J. A.F. P.K. D.T.	Centennial Lakewood Superior Denver Lakewood	
T.C.	Thornton	Larger class sizes. No support for Mild or Moderate Special needs students. Increased cost to lunch programs. Increase fees for sports and non core classes.
L.M. J.C. A.B. P.S. H.H.	Westminster Colorado Springs Parker Wheat Rige Superior	Our children are the heart and soul of our nation; thus, we have to be willing to fund the highest quality educational experience possible for them to grow into highly intellectual and capable adults. Sadly, however, every BVSD school is being asked to cut 10's of thousands of dollars per building because of state budget decisions. This is leading to the antithesis of scaffolding a positive and successful learning environment. Student to teacher ratios are increasing, in addition to counseling, literacy and reading teachers and programs being cut. Furthermore, there have been talks regarding the possible necessity of schools to eliminate sport and band programs to cover the required budget cuts. Our children need to be our priority! Education needs to be our priority!
J.L.	Colorado Springs	
J.D.	Crested Butte	I will have all 5 of my kids in school next year. My youngest will start Kindergarten. Times are tough please do not take it out on the thousands of kids this will effect.
V.B. L.K. C.A.	Evergreen Centennial Englewood	There have been 15 teachers non-renewed at Englewood High School, including math teachers that are hard to replace. I am one of them.
M.G.	Littleton	
D.P. C.B.	Granby Parker	Our high school is losing business programs and 18 teachers as a result of the nearly 100 million shortfall in funding. Douglas County has great schools and fabulous, well-educated teachers. It's time to get back on track by funding schools and giving our students the opportunities they deserve.
L.S. C.M.	Arvada Greeley	Our gifted and talented population will be underserved if the proposed cutting of the GT program occurs due to budget cuts. How can they consider cutting this program when it is state mandated that those students be monitored and served just like Special Ed students? Please support our students with funding!
J.S. W.J. A.S. K.P. T.T. A.J. L.V. B.K.	Denver Boulder Denver Colorado Springs Cheraw Lakewood Morrison Centennial	My daughter is a special needs student. She was adopted after a terrible start in her life and suffers from PTSD and ADHD. She is a bright girl, but needs extra support from caring teachers who can help her with language deficits, attention problems and emotional issues. Those support teachers and staff will disappear under the crushing weight of the coming budget cuts. My daughters academic future is at stake. She can't make it in a 9th grade class of 35 - 40 kids.
J.A.	Denver	Class sizes will increase. Our students with greatest needs will receive reduced intervention services.
H.G. M.B.	Golden Granby	Cuts are creating larger class sizes from mid 20s up to 35 per class due to teacher cuts. Athletic and drama programs are also being cut which have kept many kids motivated to get the grades so they can participate.
K.W.	Manitou Springs	

M.J.	Rocky Ford	Rocky Ford School District serves a large number of kids who live far below the poverty line. Their only hope to experience the American dream is through education. Serving a population of students who have serious delays in their cognitive development taxes an already stressed system. Further cuts in funding will force us to eliminate early interventions, limit interventions for students in intermediate and secondary schools, and cut teachers creating larger classes. Our students are created to be equal but life circumstances have placed them on an uneven playing field, they do not have equal access or equal opportunity. Cutting school funding will do no more than keep the poor poor. Education is their only chance to break free from the circumstances that they are born into.
N.T.	Boulder	
A.T.	Denver	
P.W.	Longmont	
J.G.	Pueblo	
C.D.	Lakewood	
B.B.	Denver	
L.C.	Centennial	My colleagues are so sad about losing some of our brightest and best young teachers who are being non renewed. The whole school district is feeling threatened and worried. Ultimately the kids and their families suffer.
M.C.	Centennial	
K.W.	Erie	
A.G.	Tabernash	I work with special needs and at risk kids. These budget cuts have led us to cutting resource staff and counselors. I have a special needs student that is going to be in a class of 29. How is he supposed to get the individual help that he needs to be successful? We can pay for schools now or prisons later. I hope that we invest in schools because that is what is going to make life better for everyone in society.
N.H.	Granby	
A.C.	Parker	The snowball effect: On a more practical level, the diminution in quality and reputation of Douglas County schools will lead to lower property values, and hence, lower property taxes to fund the schools.
J.K.	Golden	
S.H.	Boulder	
C.H.	Rocky Ford	We are going to bigger class sizes. Some of the classes have several special needs children so it makes it hard to help the other students.
K.S.	Grand Junction	
R.K.	Longmont	I can only speak for myself, but if the budget gets cut anymore I will no longer be able to go to college period. I attend CU Boulder and already they are running out of money for grants and I have had to take out more and more student loans. This is not sustainable!!
D.B.	Boulder	
R.H.	Arvada	
A.H.	Denver	
R.W.	Canon City	
D.M.	Littleton	
A.W.	Aurora	My child is in a class of 25 in 1st grade with one teacher. This teacher has to be able to handle my son, who is ahead of his age peers, and those who are english language learners and everything in between. If she had some help in her class, ALL the students would benefit by getting a little more attention in the area they need it. Please do not cut more funds and let's help the teachers out and get some more help in the classroom!
M.N.	Golden	
K.P.	Golden	
A.B.	Denver	
R.O.	Denver	
R.B.	Fruita	Our district is already among the lowest funded in the state and it's a large district as well. Our students would be greatly impacted by cuts of any kind. Please remember that investing in education guarantees a viable future for us all. We do not want the next generation to graduate without the necessary tools to succeed in the world.
K.B.	Agate	
K.L.	Colorado Springs	Lewis Palmer School District 38 is suffering tremendous cuts for the 2010 school year. I believe the best long term solution is to craft language that will repair some of the damage done by TABOR. I believe there are some good things about taking votes to the public, however, the law in its current state is too broad, and has had a long term crippling effect on our schools. I would be willing to participate with others interested in achieving this goal.

A.M.	Wheat Ridge	Class sizes will rise by an average of 2-3 students per class at the high school level. Counselors, campus supervisors, deans, librarians, and classroom teachers are being cut from our district and building. The services, and even the very safety, offered by our school will be greatly diminished. Students will have to pay higher fees, walk greater distances for school busses, etc. This is an absolute tragedy and scandal for American democracy in the age multi-billion dollar bailouts for banks and financial institutions with billionaire CEO's.
M.T. B.H.	Wheat Ridge Englewood	We are having almost 25% of our teaching staff cut from our high school. Many programs will be cut and/or diminished. A result will be larger class sizes, less offerings, higher fees to students, and less opportunities for increasing proficiency of students.
M.S. E.D. A.C.	Denver Golden Erie	Please take a better look at the budget and know the decisions that you make effect the future of my children. If teachers are content and have the tools to do their job then my children learn more effectively! Please do not make them suffer as it filters down~
M.G. H.W.	Monument Denver	Our school can barely afford copy paper to send home notices to the parents. Our elementary school classrooms have 26 kids - in first grade that is just chaos for any teacher. We can't afford cutbacks at our school. Where we stand today is already too thin.
J.G. T.S.	Westminster Louisville	As you know, BVSD receives over 60% of its funding from the State AND Colorado has equity laws which prevent individual school districts from raising taxes more than 25% above the state threshold. Colorado also has a number of constitutional amendments (TABOR, Gallagher, Amendment 23) that are the 'ties that bind us' GET RID OF THESE INSANE RESTRICTIONS AND INVEST IN THE CHILDREN AND OUR FUTURE
A.S. K.L. B.H.	Golden Steamboat Englewood	All children, whether in college or kindergarten, will be affected by larger classes, fewer electives, and overwhelmed teachers.
B.D. L.W.	Castle Rock Colorado Springs	
T.H. M.H.	Tabernash Westminster	Our kids are our future, make it count now. Fewer teachers, larger class size, less security coverage, less clinic support, falling behind MANY other countries in education, higher drop-out rate with fewer resources to help them graduate. Instead of reducing the hours spent in school (Utah is thinking of cutting out 12th grade), we should up the standards to finish. Help them be more well prepared for higher education.
J.L. K.H.	Arvada Fleming	I am the Town Clerk in our small town and have heard that there will have to be some tough choices made here in our School District. We are limited anyway because of being a small town so when we have to cut more it makes our school less appealing and cuts much needed jobs in our community. It will hurt our school tremendously!! My daughter is graduating this year and was considering staying in state for college but is looking to go out of state now in hopes she can afford going to college to continue with her education to succeed. I am in agreement with everyone on this no more cuts!!
K.L. D.T.	Denver Pueblo	Teachers already have classes that are overfilled and this will increase the ratio of students/teacher further. In addition, all children should have exposure to the arts to ensure they are more well rounded. Cutting PE is one of the worst things we can do for our children as our country is facing an obesity epidemic. PE classes ensure that children are receiving at least 30 minutes of exercise which will lead them to have a healthier lifestyle. Studies have shown that one's risk for cancer, heart disease, and diabetes is reduced with exercise. Children are our future and we need to teach them that it is important to have a healthy lifestyle.
P.F. A.L. R.M. J.B. D.B. C.S. M.M.	Golden Fountain Centennial Loveland Fraser Denver Colorado Springs Parker	Not our children please
M.G.		

K.P. K.S.	Dolores Westminster	Larger class sizes. Beloved teachers laid off. Less necessary teaching tools in the classrooms. More pressure on the PTA to support the school, so less "fun" items that the PTA supports ie. Science Fair, Young Writers Conference, Creative Arts Fair.
P.L. G.K.	Denver Golden	This is ridiculous! Already cutting, cutting, cutting. Our children are our future. Do NOT cut more!
J.M.	Golden	
S.B.	Golden	
B.S.	Denver	We have learned that are kids are already getting less education time then other nations - yet we claim to be leaders. We should be investing in our kids not punishing them for what we have created.
L.D.	Centennial	
G.W.	Colorado Springs	I teach gifted and talented students and am a resource to teachers for differentiation instruction in the classroom. With all that classroom teachers have on their plate, and with high stakes testing geared towards the needy students, we are losing the ability to provide instruction higher level students to meet their educational growth. Cutting funding could jepordize teaching to this population,, as there are no title 1 funds for gifted students' education.
D.D. S.S. B.G. R.H. E.D. D.K.	Arvada Denver Superior Boulder Golden Denver	My daughter's Kindergarten class has 25 students. Her teacher only has an assistant for 3 hours per day which includes the assistant's lunch and recess duty. Our kids can't get the attention they deserve with these kinds of ratios. PTA also had to raise money last year just to pay to have an Art Teacher for 1/2 of the year! Please stop cutting funding to our already underfunded public schools!!
M.M. L.M. A.R. R.Y. D.W.	Westminster Denver Wheat Ridge Denver Arvada	Our youth have been shortchanged too long! Future cuts will only acerbate the situation. Past cuts have gutted music, physical education, athletics -- anything not associated with classroom academics. We must STOP. We must grow our educational system and not continue to restrain it. Your priorities should be to lead our growth and shift budget priorities for greater funding, not less!
K.M.	Lakewood	
J.F.	Denver	My son at George Washington High School will not get new text books next year as a way to save the jobs of several teachers. Schools should not have to choose between teachers and textbooks. The parents at GW are already paying for the salaries of several paraprofessionals. This is not right at a public school.
I.C.	Lakewood	For the past 2 years, I have co-chaired our school's main fundraisers. Every year we have to ask our parents for more and more funds to cover educational tools, building repairs, upkeep,and more. Enough is enough!
M.K.	Lakewood	
J.T.	Littleton	We have lost our funding to continue as an I.B. school (Field Elementary). We will not longer offer Spanish, and our literacy teachers' time has been cut in half. We are being asked to be furloughed three days, no pay increase for cost of living or level increases.
M.C. I.S. C.E.	Denver Monument Monument	The school administrators have decided to charge fees for perceived "extras" in the curriculum of the school day to cover teacher salary, stipends, supplies, and standard maitenance of these subject areas. These subject areas of Art, PE, and Music are included in the school day and thus, administration continues to PRIVATIZE opportunities that are entitled to tax payers as a service to attending students. Moving these subects outside of the school day is an injustice to our community and tax payers. More so, it is an injustice to our students.

M.R.	Grand Junction	
G.P.	Golden	Please do not harm the educational system of Colorado any further. It is too far behind right now considering its position in the U.S. I have studied the educational system of Golden and the resources are slim enough. If anything, teachers should be rewarded further for helping educate the future leaders of our world, and hopefully thoughtful participants in our democratic society.
J.H.	Littleton	
L.B.	Boulder	Budget cuts will undoubtedly have a serious impact on the existing programs and I would like to consider sustainability with respect to the needed cuts. Think about how your decisions will affect the 7th generation down the road because they will.
A.M.	Golden	
K.A.	Dolores	
V.B.	Denver	Budget cuts to CU Boulder will increase tuition and fees for my freshman son. Our state must support higher education, our future depends on educated citizens. Eliminate soda and candy exemptions. Eliminate tax rebates for corporations. Hire more teachers.
B.K.	Denver	
M.K.	Monument	
N.R.	Gunnison	Salary freeze, million dollar budget cuts for both WSC and public schools.
K.H.	Thornton	I am a single parent of two wonderful boys. The day care costs kill me. The four day school week is just crazy. I know the school is not a day care but have you checked what it will cost to send 2 children to day care for one day. My eldest son has problems in math but the school does not have resources for extra help and more days off for students doesn't help the situation at all.
J.F.	Denver	
S.B.	Manitou Springs	I teach kindergarten and have a class full of emotionally needy children who need not only academics, but someone to give them love and nurturing. It is imperative that we fill the emotional void that so many of our children are experiencing in order to allow their brains to be able to settle in to a place where they can learn. We can only do this by keeping class sizes small and keeping classroom assistants in the kindergarten rooms. If we want to increase test scores, the primary years are the most important to get the children off to a good start.
K.D.	Lakewood	
S.S.	Monte Vista	We are currently working on our budget for next year. Cuts in our budget will affect every single student in our district - pre-k through high school. It will also affect all of our community and parents with high costs for student purchased school supplies.
R.O.	Denver	
B.B.	Golden	
S.G.	Lakewood	
K.O.	Granby	
E.F.	Loveland	
C.O.	Denver	
C.M.	Colorado Springs	Our school was on the chopping block last year. We fought to keep it open. I became PTA president to do what I can to keep ALL schools open. PLEASE ! help us HELP our future generation. " God Bless our schools."
M.A.	Eagle	
M.S.	Broomfield	
L.L.	Denver	My daughter's school had already been suffering with the current budgets. I cannot imagine how much worse it could get. I know teachers and counselors being laid off. How is the future of our country, our kids, the last priority when it comes to funding? I cannot think of ANYTHING that is more important than education. My child is borderline gifted, and she is not receiving the attention she needs to keep her motivated and learning at her level. She's being dumbed down because of the lack of resources available to children. There is no music program, which in my elementary career created the foundation for who I am today. Our students today are missing out on the things that made generations before them able to be productive responsible citizens of tomorrow. What do we need to do to express how seriously important this is? Why is it not obvious? Please don't let this generation go to waste. They deserve the same, if not more than what we grew up with in school. Do not deny them the opportunities they deserve.
R.N.	Eagle	

B.H. **Westminster** We are a magnet school that is consistently successful in preparing students to take college classes in their junior year of high school. Overwhelmingly what we hear from students is that they value a learning environment that is calm, an environment in which they can get the teachers' attention and in which they feel like they LEARN. An important part of our success is that we are a small school. Budget cuts will mean 35 students to a classroom which will impact the 'on the ground' benefits of being a small school. Our urban school offers opportunities to first generation college students. To continue our success requires a recognition that sometimes it is very small things that make a difference in a students education. My son is struggling to get a college education. I was a first generation college graduate and that helped our life tremendously. He knows that without that education he will probably fall back to the working class I struggled so hard to pull us out of. Please, help this single mother finish her job of creating a good, productive citizen!

J.R. **La Junta**
S.S. **Fraser**

M.S. **Arvada** Where are our taxes going?

L.C. **Centennial**
J.S. **Littleton** In one of the most impacted schools in Jeffco, they will lose a counselor!
E.M. **Longmont**
S.M. **Monument**
B.L. **Englewood**
S.M. **Highlands**
Ranch
H.B. **Lakewood**

L.S. **Monument** Our school district is struggling with over \$3 Million in cuts for this year, with more to come next year unless OUR LEGISLATORS and OUR TAXPAYERS choose to put kids first!!!! I am angry!!!! I think that continuing to cut, cut cut cut is irresponsible and immoral. Stand up and make a change!! Jobs have been lost, 30 students in 5th grade classes, 25 students in kindergarten classes, over 3 dozen quality teachers are losing jobs.

M.O. **Boulder**
L.B. **Deer Trail**
B.R. **Highlands**
Ranch
S.M. **Denver**
C.M. **Arvada** Small class sizes and the arts are most important to learning.
K.E. **Agate**
B.C. **Granby** Our state is one of the lowest for funding in the entire U.S. We cannot afford to cut anything! You are damaginng our children! This will affect our state and it's future productivity!

T.F. **Westminster** I am a Speech-Language Pathologist in Jeffco. I am nervous about the decisions our district has to make about where to make cuts this coming year. I am in fear of losing my job or getting a pay decrease while raising a 4-year old and newborn!

M.S. **Golden**
A.D. **Thornton** Where to begin? As an educator for 22 years, this is the worst I have seen. Thanks to the lack of awareness of what is truly needed in our schools to prepare students for a future, needless to say America's future, our students are losing a media specialist, campus superivsors to keep students safe, educators who are dedicated to the better good of student educational growth, electives/extra-curricular activities, transportation needs, central office personal, counselors, etc. The scary thing is this is only the beginning. As usual, we will continue to forge forth in our efforts to meet every students need, but at what cost. Open your eyes, where should our priorities be. Doesn't seem to be a difficult answer and yet we as educators are suppose to be held accountable each and every day for student growth. Show the students you support their future, and stop before they no longer have a future.

p.W. **Golden**
J.T. **Centennial**
K.K. **Greenwood**
Village This is all so sad! We had several devastating budget cuts last year which increased the honors class size from around 24 to 30, which is a normal class size. The honors classes are important and should be kept smaller as the pace if very fast! This morning there was an article in the Denver Post that AHS Drama department is now being threatened!! How can you do this to our kids with all the taxes we pay. We live in the Preserve and pay very high property taxes, but where is it all going???????

M.S. L.B.	Boulder Boulder	Teachers will possibly be losing their jobs or getting hours cut (including my job as an Occupational Therapist), therefore the students won't be getting the help that they need. Why is EDUCATION getting cuts? Aren't our children our future?!?
K.B. C.L.	Fort Collins Evans	District 6 is cutting graduation requirements to cut teachers and programs such as arts. The students (80% of which already need to be remediated in college, and this is only if they are college-bound students), will continue to slip behind the nation. Also, we have excellent teaching colleges, where highly qualified graduates are heading to other states where they may be valued as educators. The cuts in education are really going to affect Colorado severely in 20 years, but legislation is looking for the immediate fix. Please stop this; our future depends on it.
B.S. K.V.	Golden Aurora	
G.P. B.F. M.J.	Golden Boulder Colorado Springs	Class sizes are already very large.
J.G.	Golden	These kids are our future and we need to be securing ways to invest in them and the future of this country. We need a long term strategy to address this predicament and can not afford to take anything more away.
L.B.	Arvada	I think that it's very foolish to cut any more from education. We are already one of the lowest ranking states for education in the US. I feel so sorry for these kids today that are seriously ill prepared for continuing education and life in general!
J.S. K.W.	Crested Butte Swink	In a small school district cuts are often harder to absorb. An elementary classroom cut would mean doubling class size, a secondary classroom cut means an entire program no longer available to students. No matter where the cuts are taken it means a diminished quality of education.
L.T. L.B.	Golden Aguilar	We live in an extremely poor area of Southern Colorado. I teach and receive less pay than any other teacher north of here who does the same job, yet I pay tuition for my only child at the same rate as everyone else. My cost of living is the same. My husband has also taught the past two years at this same low pay, but his program is being cut for next year and my program has been reduced to half-time. A rise in cost for college will devastate us for next year. We only had one child in hopes that we would be able to provide what we received educationally. This may not happen. My husband and I paid \$185.00 per semester in the late 70's, and at the same school, my son's tuition is now \$4,000.00 per semester! My salary has not been able to keep up. I teach high school and though we encourage our students to go on for higher ed., for most it is just a pipe dream. Even if they can qualify for grants and scholarships, they can't afford to live at these colleges since the living expenses match the cost of tuition. We are definitely pricing out the middle and lower classes and we will be the next Mexico, as a society, unless we reinvest in our public schools in a real, honest way, and soon!
S.T. B.A. S.S.	Littleton Arvada Morrison	
K.K. J.R. D.F.	Denver Parker Grand Junction	
M.F.	Lakewood	Reduced opportunities for open enrollment; expect increased class size and possibly furlough days. Our cousins in New Jersey already have 11 more school days than Colorado ...how can Colorado kids remain competitive nationally with the reduced schedule already in place?
P.P. M.M.	Dolores Highlands Ranch	
D.H.	Aurora	Our district faces a 20 million cut this year...over 13 FTE just in our school, Gateway High School, and class sizes are ALREADY 35-37 in high school.
S.K.	Centennial	

J.B.	Aurora	We have additional cuts to teachers, and the teachers we have will take on additional workloads. We had two kids commit suicide this week. Did we give them help when they needed it or were we just too busy? Professional development will be cut, perhaps more furlough days. Our district is in excellent shape but for how long?
J.K.	Fraser	
S.O.	Denver	
A.T.	Morrison	
L.K.	Carbondale	
J.G.	Golden	It is time for Colorado to be a leader in education. We can pay for our children and their futures now or we can pay more later for all the children who are left behind with our current system. Please make education a priority.
G.R.	Denver	
S.M.	Frederick	
C.E.	Denver	
S.S.	Granby	
J.W.	Aurora	
L.S.	Rifle	Politicians drill into our heads that education is #1 on their list to get our votes and then education is #1 on their list for CUTS. Enough already. Classes are too full, teachers are overworked and underpaid.
N.D.	Denver	
M.S.	Lakewood	
C.J.	Denver	
S.B.	Golden	
M.L.	Centennial	The position of math specialist is in danger of being cut this year due to staffing cuts. This position supports children struggling in math. Now these kids will be back in the regular classroom with only as much support as a single, overloaded teacher can give them.
K.L.	Centennial	
M.W.	Evergreen	Students in Evergreen who are restricted by geography, particularly those without cars and because of our dubious public transportation, need full funded schools to provide guidance and after school programs to support them when they are most vulnerable (3-6 pm weekdays).
P.M.	Parker	In order to continue to do what is best for kids we need to be able to fund teachers, schools and programs. Please stop cutting our funding.
N.H.	Golden	
A.B.	Littleton	
P.G.	Boulder	
J.T.	Crested Butte	
D.P.	Meeker	We are having to release teachers and not replace others. It will impact class size and options that we will no longer be able to afford.
M.B.	Denver	
M.G.	Centennial	This is a CRISIS! Schools will be cut down to only core classes. Core classes are great, but they are not what keeps most kids in school. Study after study has proven that participation in CO-curricular courses like the performing and visual arts raises test scores and improves quality of students! Yet, what will be the first to go in the cuts?!?! You betcha, performing and visual arts. How disappointed will the arts teacher that made a difference in YOUR life be if they knew that YOU were one of the reasons their vocation became obsolete? DO THE RIGHT THING, PLEASE!!
K.M.	Denver	
D.K.	Crested Butte	Education must be our priority for our future.
B.G.	Golden	
L.M.	Greeley	
J.F.	Monument	Dist. #38 used to be one of the best in Colorado. Funding cuts are already affecting the quality of education in this district. The last thing we want is for our children to be LESS prepared for global competition.
C.C.	Crested Butte	
M.R.	Vail	
V.S.	Denver	We may not see the results of the cuts immediately. The classes are too big already. but as things change and the kids begin to fall thru the cracks and the teachers get burned out from constant and endless demands, the failings will show, the drop out rates will increase, and the crime rate will go up. People who don't have children WILL be affected because our community and society will show signs of trouble. Find another way!!!!
R.S.	Denver	In general we need to stop budget cuts . The Colorado education is lacking behind and we need stop this from happening. I no longer have kids in school.
J.M.	Fort Collins	

C.G. L.R. R.H.	Granby Monument Centennial	Lower quality education for our future leaders Yikes!! What students won't be served? How many people will we have to cut? I know we have to do this - but how does the state plan to reinvest in education after the 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 lost educational opportunities for our kids?
S.S. C.O. S.T. L.B. J.G. E.P. K.B.	Englewood Denver Denver Lakewood Thornton Golden Littleton	The Englewood School district is in a lower income area and many students live at or below the poverty line. The district has already notified most of its non-tenured teachers that they will not be back next year. Larger classes and cuts to programs will not help these students make it to college and future success.
Q.H. P.B.	Golden Denver	
J.R.	Golden	Private elementary schools are too expensive and if this budget goes through, public schools will also be too expensive because families will have to "donate" more dollars to their kids' schools for the schools to eek out a decent education, to retain good teachers, and to have up-to- date school books and technology.
S.F. R.L.	Denver Grand Lake	We moved to the Grand Lake area after researching the school. Now, we discover that school may be closed due to funding cuts. I understand that we must all sacrifice during these difficult financial times; however, Colorado is already the second lowest ranked state for education funding in our Country. I find this appalling. The area we moved to is thick with vacation and seasonal homes nearly as big as the school. In fact, we live in one; however, we have four children who are or will soon be in need of a strong educational system. I fear Colorado does not realize how important a stable school is to families considering moving. Education is the future, and we know this to be true. The state can not rely on retirees and vacationers to build a strong foundation. I realize you have difficult decisions to make. If you have to cut education funding, then for our children's sake be certain that you have exhausted every possible option. I am lucky, because I have the option of home-schooling my children instead of sending them to a thirty-plus student classroom. Thank you for your time.
J.S.	Saguache	
S.M. A.H. M.R. S.S. H.S. S.P.	Golden Denver Golden Westminster Denver Denver	Larger classrooms. Split classes between grades. Less support staff.
C.K. S.S. J.S. B.S.	Winter Ppark L Denver Aurora	Settling for partially proficient achievement because our state politicians not supporting educational importance is unacceptable. No wonder other countries are advanced in achievement - they understand the importance of quality education.
P.G. R.B. C.B. S.C.	Arvada Colorado Springs Crested Butte Centennial	

J.J.	Thornton	This current school year, the Mapleton school district closed for an additional week during the holidays, resulting in the children missing nearly an entire month of school (Dec. 16th - Jan. 11th). The additional week off was due to budget constraints, as the district did not have sufficient funds to pay teachers, and therefore required them to take an unpaid, week-long furlough. The Mapleton District has done an outstanding job of creatively addressing the challenges it faces, but still faces severe budget challenges. Many of the children attending this district's schools are from lower-income backgrounds and face multiple risk factors. These are precisely the children who should be in school more hours, not fewer, in order to fully realize the benefits of a public education. Yet, without sufficient support, these children will continue to be penalized. As a parent of a student in the district, I find that unconscionable.
L.M.	Longmont	
S.M.	Rocky Ford	We are having to close a school and send 7 & 8 grade student to our already overcrowded High School.
C.R.	Littleton	Larger class sizes and I have a daughter going to College in State next year and I'm none too happy about the ridiculous rates for higher ed.
R.B.	Granby	
A.V.	Denver	
R.G.	Parker	
K.I.	Commerce City	
M.S.	Mancos	We will have to "make due" with inadequate supplies. We will have to "overcrowd" our classrooms-due to less teachers. We are not nurturing our future generations when we cut money for their education.
N.S.	Lakewood	
A.O.	Denver	Two schools will be closed in Mapleton. Classroom sizes will increase for grades 3-12, with less resources and support staff. Students, especially those in poverty, deserve better!
K.M.	Golden	
S.T.	Golden	For crying out loud! Invest in our future, our children. RAISE our TAXES!
B.B.	Denver	
L.M.	Denver	
J.B.	Grand Junction	Food, health care, housing, work, and education are basic to any society that does not want to see itself implode. Education is as vital a need as any our state has. Without educated citizens, we are nothing.
C.B.	Winter Park	
M.C.	Bailey	
A.C.	Englewood	
R.H.	Granby	Larger class sizes, no librarian in the school, cuts in custodial employees, no curriculum,
K.M.	Eagle	
C.V.	Monument	My five children will be affected by funding cuts in education. Their classrooms will increase in size, while the quality of their education will decrease. The classrooms are already full to capacity.
M.M.	Denver	
A.W.	Englewood	
S.D.	Lakewood	
C.B.	Littleton	
S.V.	Denver	
M.G.	Arvada	
J.Z.	Steamboat Springs	
I.G.	Denver	
J.C.	Littleton	We are being told that class sizes may increase by as much as 5 students per class across the board. I am currently a 1st Grade teacher with 25 students! 1/3 of my class are ELL. I couldn't imagine being able to meet the needs of my students with a class size of 32! I am also a causality of the budget crunch and I am being told that a middle school teacher who has an elementary ed. license may be taking over my position. How is putting someone who clearly chose to work with younger students, into a classroom of 32 first graders in the best interest of our students!
R.P.	Golden	
S.B.	Peyton	

E.G.	Englewood	The availability of basic supplies and personnel has had a tremendously detrimental effect on the quality of education delivered to students. Small class sizes are essential to success!
T.F. B.J.	Aurora Lakewood	Why isn't Colorado implementing long term solutions? Stop reacting and start being proactive - these decisions are knee-jerk reactions to current situations instead of implementing a long term plan to ride out our economic times.
K.H.	Denver	
T.T. A.S.	La Junta Superior	
M.A. A.J.	Golden Golden	My child's education is already affected. As a gifted and talented child in Jefferson County, funding for services have already been cut! My child has an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) that is supposed to address his needs in the classroom. Unfortunately, it is nothing more than a piece of paper in his file! There is no time and there are no resources to serve his needs. He is a bright child who's identified needs are not being met due to lack of resources.
J.Y. S.W. C.F.	Denver Golden Boulder	
T.G. J.S. M.T.	Crested Butte Denver Walden	We are already a small rural district struggling to make ends meet. More cuts mean we lose more resources. When will you start making the next generation count? This generation will make decisions regarding your retirement, and maybe making good decisions for their future now will ensure your future is bright as well.
P.C. R.R. C.S. T.G. D.M.	Golden Littleton Central City Center Aurora	We elected to send our child to a charter school for many of these budgetary cut reasons, as well as other reasons. Everyone's future, and our state and country's future is completely dependent upon the education we provide to our children today! Who do we want running our country when we are no longer able to do so ourselves? This affects ours and our children's future. Let's keep everyone's future bright!
L.W. K.T.	Denver Denver	We will have fewer teachers, larger class sizes, and fewer electives. We will be down to the bare bones.
M.O.	Littleton	My story won't move any to tears. My kids are in one of the top performing school in Colorado with the best growth model in the state. They are fine. We live in an affluent community with an abundance of parental support. My concern is therefore not so much for my own as for our larger community. I can't imagine the helplessness and fear that my sisters with children in inner-city schools feel. We created this budget crisis. It is immoral to leave our children less equipped to handle it in their adulthood by denying them a quality education now. It is embarrassing and deplorable that Colorado funds so little per pupil already. It would be dishonorable to make the cuts deeper.
R.H. B.S. R.H. K.S. A.H. P.A. E.K.	Arvada Fraser Golden Littleton Littleton Superior Colorado Springs	We are getting rid of Elementary Spanish, and students are proven to best learn languages before 10 years old. We are getting rid of the high school writing lab. We are laying off teachers so that class sizes will be larger. We are laying off a dean so that discipline loads will be higher. Also, we are laying off special education teachers so that our lowest level students will be receiving less services. It's all hitting the students!
K.K.	Colorado Springs	
L.M.	Berthoud	How can we have young people ready to go out into the world when a college education is getting out of reach for most middle class and lower families.
C.P.	Denver	

L.H.	Denver	
J.M.	Lakewood	I am a teacher as well as a parent of a child in the district. CO is 49th in funding yet it is one of the more expensive states to live in. We all deserve better no matter where we live, but come on!
C.D.	Conifer	
M.H.	Denver	
B.L.	Arvada	
L.B.	Denver	My daughter is a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School and I am on the CSC. Last night we met and cut 8.5 teachers from the school. Class size will be huge. Programs may be cut. The cuts come from core subjects -- English, Social Studies, Science. This hurts our children and our ability to prepare them for the future. PLEASE spare education funding!
K.F.	Aurora	
K.M.	Falcon	One place you can cut is in the amount of unnecessary testing you are doing across the state. This is expensive and time consuming. The No Child Left Behind Act does not require all of the testing we are requiring in Colorado.
M.D.	Lakewood	
B.J.	Arvada	
T.P.	Golden	
C.B.	Monument	
T.O.	Colorado Springs	
M.C.	Englewood	
K.W.	Grand Lake	
J.L.	Colorado Springs	
H.F.	Denver	We have so many great resources to turn our Colorado Education system into #1. Let's be creative and help educate our Colorado population. That will be the best investment we can make.
S.J.	Grand Junction	
S.H.	Littleton	
M.C.	Colorado Springs	We are already a poor, rural school with a lack of everything, including teacher retention due to pay. Do not make more cuts, it's insane. Why don't you charge the developers that continue to build; trim some of the fat from the top of the administration pile; put more lottery money into the schools and more. There are other ways to cut money and taking more from education is not where you should do it!
T.A.	Lakewood	
A.B.	Denver	
K.H.	Littleton	
T.T.	Littleton	
B.S.	Englewood	
M.M.	Denver	
K.F.	Arvada	NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND, RIGHT? I cannot accept leaving my children behind by cutting the amount of money that schools receive. We must give them the best education possible.
J.S.	Westminster	
T.Q.	Arvada	
D.F.	Castle Rock	
T.Q.	Golden	
K.G.	Golden	
B.K.	Castle Rock	We have lost language at my daughter's elementary school and have alarmingly increasing class sizes, not to mention the pressure that is going to be put on our educators for our children due to their increasing class size and out-of-pocket teaching costs. It's so sad. I sure hope another budget initiative will be coming soon and a better campaign to inform all voters!
S.C.	Fort Collins	
S.U.	Centennial	
D.C.	Denver	

T.R. L.M.	Castle Rock Tabernash	We need to keep the teachers we have in this community. My child has a right to have the best education she can get and if we continue to cut back on education funding, this won't happen. What will the future of Colorado education look like when we don't invest all we can into it? Where will these children be? What kind of adults will we produce??
L.D. a.c. L.E. S.R. B.P. S.C. L.R. A.L. R.M.	Greenwood Village Yampa Fraser Centennial Westminster Golden Englewood Denver Littleton	Our Future is at stake. Why are we making the children pay for law makers mistakes?
T.M.	Kremmling	We will be seeing an increase in some class sizes, the cutting of one administrative assistant, possibly cutting our GT program, cutting some Para positions, a 4 day school week (we used to include a Friday School where struggling students could go to school half day and bring grades up), increasing athletic charges, charges for community use of the school, eliminating possibly 2 teachers, reducing school nurse hours, adding more work to staff to cover other positions that have been cut, and reducing maintenance positions. Plus, we just hired a high school principal with much less pay than the one that resigned.
L.M. W.A. C.L. T.L. P.B. N.L.	Arvada Denver Aurora Denver Aurora Parker	I have children in high school and elementary school in the Douglas School District. Already we, as a family, have been impacted by the cut in busing this school year with the stops being reduced. Within the schools there is talk of more special programs being eliminated, specials that are a crucial part of the education system. Having high school students, I know first hand how important it is to have the tools in place for the teachers at the lower levels so they can prepare our students for middle and high school. High school is not what it was when we were in school; the demands on our teenagers are extremely higher; they are doing college level curriculum, but are able to because they have had the support and teaching throughout their years of lower education. We cannot take this away from our children now by cutting the budget in such a way where our educators are unable to teach their students without the necessary means to their job to the fullest.
C.K. L.H. W.P.	Lakewood Walden Fort Collins	I made the choice to go back to school after my son turned one. Working a dead end job and being a single mom, I knew I had to do something in order to make life better for my family. If cuts are made to education, I would be afraid that I wouldn't be able to continue my education and would get stuck in another dead end job going nowhere.
C.K. N.A.	Arvada Denver	
C.S. L.Q.	Colorado Springs Denver	My son's school can only afford to have a nurse twice a week and there are no scheduled field trips for his class because of budget cuts.
K.T. T.T.	Denver Grand Lake	Our students, are already affected by budget cuts. Why don't they have the same rights, or the same chance to plan for higher education? Who is denying them their dreams? This is not why I vote!!! This is not why we pay taxes. OUR SONS, OUR DAUGHTERS... Deserve better representation!!!
M.B. B.W. T.A. D.B. T.L.	Granby Colorado Springs Grand Junction Centennial Granby	

P.M. K.M. J.B. L.G.	Crested Butte Longmont Boulder Pueblo	With the lack of teachers, my son's classes are overflowing which means he gets less attention that is needed in some of his classes. It is a detriment that we cut teachers when there are other ways to save money.
S.K. T.B. J.F.	Colorado Springs Kremmling Colorado Springs	We need art in our schools. We need to stay creative. We become dead to ourselves and our imaginations without it. I would pull my child out of school if this were to happen, quite honestly. We must stop putting the intellect on a pedestal above the heart and body. They all need to be in equal balance. Supporting the WHOLE child is most important.
M.D.	La Junta	\$200,000 now more in cuts...for a small K-12 school that employs me. The district in which I live, and attended school is talking about closing a building and restructuring. This affects my niece. The harsh reality is that this is the least of the cuts... Education is vital for our future, and we are cutting...aren't there other areas that could feel less of the burden and affect less of the population?
A.W. K.E. T.K. B.J. M.W. C.I.	Golden Boulder Denver Lakewood Golden Lochbuie	Our district has one of the lowest ratios for funding as it is now. With this cut we would be looking at getting almost nothing...how can you expect the students to get a quality of education when you can't even afford a desk for them to sit in!?!?
J.B. T.C. D.N. W.F. K.S.	Winter Park Denver Golden Colorado Springs Lakewood	
S.M.	Steamboat Springs	We need all our teachers.
S.M. W.H. D.V. V.N. A.K. M.M.	Longmont Fort Collins Arvada Monument Denver Golden	
B.P. M.K.	Golden Hot Sulphur Springs	Our schools are looking at cutting over 2.2 million dollars over the next two years. They are looking at having to let go several teachers and paraprofessionals. We are also looking at cuts in our school lunch program and our extracurricular activities. This is just not acceptable. Our children are our future.
S.N. C.G. S.S. M.F. A.G. R.H.	Monument Fort Collins Boulder Englewood Grand Junction Fort Collins	
A.H.	Winter Park	
L.B.	Denver	
T.F.	Thornton	I worry that the first departments to be effected will be the Arts, Humanities, Music, and Choir programs. If they are not tested on the CSAP tests, their elimination is probably already planned. Students often find these courses help make each day more tolerable. Parents and teachers should know that the humanities and arts are where students work out morale and ethical issues in our communities. Obviously we need more work in these areas, not less.

C.G.	Grand Junction	
M.S.	Pagosa Springs	
J.S.	Westminster	I volunteer in the classroom and have seen the woes of budget cuts. Kindergarten through 3rd grade class sizes are too big to effectively teach. The students below proficiency aren't as well supported. I volunteer to help teach reading and writing. The gap between the students who get it and those who don't is widening. There just aren't enough resources to support all children. And I have seen children checking out and disengaging at an early age because of it. By cutting education funding, we propagate economic woes by having insufficiently educated future employees. Trying to fix our economy on the backs of schoolchildren is the wrong approach.
D.S.	Westminster	
N.I.	Fraser	
C.C.	Fort Collins	
L.T.	Arvada	Our elementary school will cut its population into exactly half over the next 5 years. As of 2010, exactly half of the student population is open enrolled through Jeffco's 'choice' enrollment process. These parents will no longer be able to choose a public school for their children. In addition, exactly half of the teachers will lose their jobs or be displaced. What a shame. Good teachers, good kids, good families, all pleased with a good school.
L.L.	Golden	
N.B.	Brighton	So many of the students in our district are already struggling. By cutting the school week and increasing class sizes they will fall behind even more. Not all parents are in a financial situation to provide for their kids if they don't have school one day a week. Nor do all parents have the time to help with the extra homework. Not to mention the long term effects of undereducating our children. We are already falling behind nationwide. We should be increasing education not cutting it.
P.M.	Kremmling	
C.A.	Lakewood	
W.K.	Golden	
D.B.	Thornton	
W.S.	Denver	
R.N.	Centennial	
L.L.	Lakewood	
K.C.	Denver	
A.A.	Arvada	
S.J.	Highlands Ranch	
D.S.	Lakewood	Class size is the first obvious problem. Kids are kids, not automatons, and you can't just 'fit more in' to a classroom. Each kid has needs, and a teacher cannot be expected to meet them when there are so many in a classroom. To do our kids justice, they need the attention of an adult. That won't happen in classrooms the sizes they are now, or will be. Spoken as a parent, and an ex-teacher.
A.A.	Colorado Springs	
J.P.	Littleton	Because of finances, we moved from a private, gifted school to a public school in Littleton, CO. Both of my children desperately need to be challenged and be given the opportunity to be pushed. I've already noticed that being in the public schools, my children are working TWO YEARS behind what they had completed at a school with smaller class sizes and more emphasis on differential learning for the brightest students. I worry that with budget cuts - the already almost non-existent higher learning for gifted students will be lost all-together.
A.W.	Tabernash	
K.G.	Centennial	
D.U.	Denver	Already we have lost librarians, reading assistants, and field trips. Class sizes are already large. Nurses, and counselors are spread too thin to keep track of children's needs. Morale is dropping. We are considering home schooling.
C.C.	Broomfield	
M.S.	Boulder	
C.C.	Golden	Our kids are the future of Colorado! Do not take away their right to a good education by increasing class sizes, furloughing good teachers, or reducing the amount of days in school. Think about the children of Colorado!

J.L. Z.R.	Boulder Denver	
E.H.	Colorado Springs	
L.B.	Littleton	Arapahoe Community College has gotten 58% of its operating funds from ARRA. Bad economic times mean much higher enrollment. What will happen next year when no ARRA funds are available?
L.F.	Denver	
A.B. S.K.	Parker Greenwood Village	
K.B.	Mancos	As school nurse I deal primarily with the low income and the underinsured uninsured - these families are already living hand to mouth and often homeless or in substandard housing - they are often victims of domestic turmoil and instability and these kids usually turn to and rely on the school setting to meet their many needs:- food, clothing, a community that cares for them - our budgets are already stretched so thin that we scramble to assist these kids in crises - usually digging into our own pockets to help them survive day to day - these families are suffering with the disparities apparent in rural health care and lack of facilities & infrastructure to assist them achieve a healthy lifestyle - any more cuts to our school system will be depriving these kids of basic services such as hot food for their hungry tummies and a chance for the extra help they need to succeed in school, in life and an opportunity to be productive adults - on the other hand we have many gifted and talented students that are stifled in their desire for greater knowledge due to lack of resources, lack of funding to find the resources - if the school budgets are further cut then these best and brightest will flounder and we will lose the potential of highly productive creative intelligent young adults - lawmakers should visit these schools and see the needs these children struggle with on a day to day basis, and know that the happy glimmer in their eyes will be extinguished by further funding cuts - would these lawmakers take food and love of learning out of their own infants' mouths and minds? Children are our future- our hope for a better world - cut our funding and you most definitely will drastically reduce our hope for a better tomorrow.
D.S.	Fraser	
T.P.	Denver	How our state can have one of the most highly educated populations and yet one of the lowest educational funding is beyond logic. The Denver Public Schools that my children attend have been able to maintain quality programming and staff through huge amounts of fundraising and budget supplements from the PTA and community. Each year we hold our breath as we look at the budgets, to see if we can continue. Looking forward to college is even scarier, as tuition continues to rise. We need to refocus and make education a priority!
A.K.	Steamboat Springs	
M.T.	Denver	
C.G.	Thornton	
D.D.	Boulder	The proposed cuts will directly influence class size. Colorado's twenty first century learner deserves a chance to compete with the rest of the world.
S.M.	Highlands Ranch	
C.S.	Golden	
S.R.	Crested Butte	
M.A.	Denver	
B.C.	Arvada	
S.B.	Greeley	
A.B.	Crested Butte	
L.M.	Colorado springs	
C.S.	Winter Park	Increased class room sizes means less attention to the individual which means lower CSAP scores!! HUH??? Lack of funding means Colorado students will not be competitive at universities or in the job markets! WHY DON'T WE PUT THE LOTTERY DOLLARS BACK INTO OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM?? ARE PARKS REALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN EDUCATING COLORADO STUDENTS?
C.T.	Monument	

M.M. J.A.	Denver Thornton	In our district, all of our middle school campus security officers have been cut; the communication avenues with our community -- particularly adults with no school children -- have been slashed and we've had to institute pay to ride bus fees and technology fees just to have basic services. This is a horrible situation for Coloradans to be in. How could we let our state get to the bottom of the list when it comes to educational priorities? Shame on us!
D.G. P.R. D.T. R.B.	Boulder Lakewood Littleton Fruita	Our schools are already over capacity. These changes would make it impossible for students to learn at a proper rate to keep up with society.
L.C. T.E.	Castle Rock Rifle	The gas industry and the housing boom brought tremendous demographic changes to our district and now we are in an economic decline. We will have to cut the vital services that have helped our kids succeed. We are committed to their success so we will overcome for next year, but I am afraid we will look back at the cuts our "pro-education" leaders have made and regret them terribly.
P.M. C.M. K.G. E.P. T.S.	Longmont Winter Park Norwood Denver Colorado Springs	A republic with strong intelligent citizens is as big as it gets... A larger classroom count will hurt everyone! First, it will start with the quality of education. Teachers struggle to reach every kid as it is. And children who need a little extra help will continue to fall farther and farther behind. This will, in turn, effect CSAP scores, then school success, then school pride. Our nation is already behind, and falling faster, in education. What will it take to make you realize we are the ONLY people who can change that?
S.W.	Fraser	
M.H.	Fort Collins	
K.W. A.P. T.W. S.B.	Loveland Denver Evergreen Denver	I think everyone needs to step up to the plate, including taxpayers. Colorado needs to do what it takes to improve its schools. My husband and I have considered moving back to WI so our children can recieve a better education.
A.W. L.M.	Aurora Parker	Bus routes have changed and, in our case, been canceled, forcing parents to make alternative arrangements. We are now paying RTD Call-and-Ride to pick up and drop off our children since there are no RTD routes in place to assist.
A.C. K.H. K.T.	Denver Denver Highlands Ranch	Athletic and music fees are increasing, bus transportation has been scaled way back, classrooms are getting larger as more teachers are being cut- classroom supplies are running short- there's an atmosphere of anxiety.
C.W.	Denver	
N.D. P.C.	Kremmling Fraser	Paying for kindergarten at a public school - ins't there a right to free public education handed down from our forefathers?
J.D. L.T.	Simla Lakewood	As a society, we will pay for these cuts in the long run. We can't afford the cuts because there is no way that we will be able to make up the lost time and opportunity. Parents do bring music, arts and PE to their children's lives but not as consistently as they need. It has taken years to develop programs, train teachers and reduce class sizes to make the educational programs we have today and they need more, not less support.
E.G.	Lakewood	

J.D.	Golden	As school budgets get tighter and tighter, we simply see the collapse of the kind of education that has made this country the envy of the world. When our children cannot learn art, music, athletics, and other special curricula, they lose their love of learning and are robbed of the chance to develop themselves as full human beings. When class sizes swell to numbers that teachers can't manage, every single child in the class - whether advanced, average, or in need of special assistance - suffers severely. We have to move beyond politics and start thinking as a community that cares for its next generation.
L.G.	Denver	
A.F. T.H. P.P.	Superior Aurora Denver	At this period in our history, when knowledge is critical to developing and maintaining meaningful lives, it is nothing short of criminal to reduce educational opportunities in our schools. Please, don't cut education funds.
F.A.	Grand Lake	
A.W.	Walden	Our school is spending a lot of time and effort trying to figure out how to make cuts that won't affect our students' learning. It is really hard to do as we are already an economically struggling area. It is unfair to put our excellent students in a position where they do not get the education they deserve. Our staff already wear so many different hats, it is not fair to put any more undo stress and work loads on them as they try to cover the budget shortfalls. Please consider making education higher priority than it is!! Please!!!
A.M. M.B. C.O.	Denver Denver Golden	
C.F.	Denver	Uneducated compared to other states and countries!!!!!!
C.M. S.S. A.W.	Granby Denver Golden	
M.R. J.B.	Monument Calhan	It is unacceptable to reduce the number of teachers, cut their pay, or cut out classes. Our students will NOT be able to keep up with those of other countries if we don't put them first.
D.C. M.S. K.C.	Denver Denver Littleton	Jeffco has put teacher-librarians on the chopping block...we NEED these teachers in our schools!!!!
D.F. P.C. E.G.	Arvada Golden Highlands Ranch	
M.L. M.C.	Granby Swink	staff cuts, added fees, program cuts
M.V.	Golden	We are losing teachers and support staff at our school. Class sizes are increasing. Teacher pay increases are frozen. Overall, funding is already low and will now be cut more.
R.R.	Erie	
C.T.	Dolores	
S.W.	Littleton	Both of my children's schools will have FTE cuts. This means classroom sizes are getting larger, and learning will be affected. I already see poorer conditions in the schools because of previous cuts. My children need a safe environment and one conducive to learning. Larger class sizes and terrible infrastructure do not do that. I am also worried about safety. Please consider changing TABOR or find some way to steady the funding source for our children. They are our future!
E.M.	Thornton	

K.G.	Denver	Class sizes will continue to grow thus affecting the quality of education. Teachers are continued to ask to push students to achieve more and more. However, with class sized of 35 or greater this is NOT possible. The average and high achieving students are being left behind, while we focus most of our money, time and effort on the low achieving students. Decreasing funding will make this problem even worse. Do not decrease the amount of money spend on each pupil in a state with one of the lowest per pupil expenditures to begin with. This is our future.
S.K. M.L.	Louisville Fraser	
L.H.	Lakewood	
B.W. V.B. C.L.	Golden Evans Centennial	My granddaughter has already been told that she will have to pay a dollar a day for riding the bus in her school district. She lives three miles from the school. My grandchildren in LPS had two schools closed last year and there has been discussion of closing a middle school in the district. In Douglas County where my granddaughter attends school and LPS where my other two grandchildren attend school, their class sizes stand to be increased when other schools close or when , as has occurred in Douglas County, additional schools cannot be built to relieve the overcrowding of existing schools.
B.M.	Steamboat Springs	
L.M.	Monument	District 38 has had a closing of an elementary school and many teachers loosing their jobs because of decrease in funding. Education is the future for our kids...don't limit their potential!!!
B.D.	Greenwood Village	
L.D. A.B.	Westminster Boulder	Classes are fairly large as it is. There is a great fear that next year's budget will result in reduced teacher headcount making the classes ever bigger.
C.T.	Colorado Springs	
P.T. K.C.	Englewood Arvada	Since voters won't vote yes on mills or levies, we need other options for school funding. Just because you may not have children in public schools does not mean your home values will not be affected by poor schools. On another note, Colorado needs full day kindergarten - working parents can hardly manage and teachers are hardly able to get through the class material in a measley 2 hours and 50 minutes. Thank you for your time.
K.A. M.U.	Thornton Monument	By cutting school days our children will stop learning because there is only so much information that they can absorb in so much time. If the State is really serious about raising children that will be able to go to college and become professionals in careers that will economically support this state in the future they need to stop being short sighted and start thinking about the future of this state's economy. If you start only having schools open 4 days a week your risk for children and teens to be home alone or God forbid start getting in trouble with gangs because both parents have to work today in order to be able to support their families in this economy.
H.A. L.L.	Lakewood Monument	Despite an appearance of local wealth, our district serves a significant number of economically-challenged families. Current funding guidelines handicap our district as we are largely reliant on property taxes for our schools' health. Please prioritize educational funding and work to modify the current funding structure to ensure quality education for all Colorado students.
M.S. B.K. T.C.	Lakewood Eagle Fraser	

M.G.	Denver	Douglas Co. is cutting \$40 million this year and another \$40 million next. Because of that, we are slated to lose 800 teachers in the 6th wealthiest county in the nation. We are going from 120 kids on a team to 150 which obviously means larger class sizes and a lot less time actually teaching. Because of our cuts, teachers have been on a pay freeze for two years and are now being asked to take a 5% decrease in pay as well as three furlough days. That means having to get another job just to pay my mortgage which in turn means much less time being spent at school doing what needs to be done to help kids be more successful. If we expect students to continue receiving the quality of education they're getting now in Douglas Co., something has to be done to stop the cuts!!!!
H.L. A.D.	Rocky Ford Wheat Ridge	
B.H. M.L. D.F.	Boulder Centennial Arvada	
K.K.	Littleton	When my children started school and I joined PTO I was surprised to hear that the PTO gave \$30k to "weighted staffing" With the impending budget cuts and the economy in the state that it is in I have no idea what PTO can manage to scrounge up to give in the coming years. But really, we are selling butter braids and wrapping paper to fund our teachers for basic education in an elementary school? And looking for further cuts at this point? Where do we say enough is enough and realize this isn't just about education, but is the future of all of us and our entire state. I'd be willing to pay a lot more in property taxes if I knew that the great teachers we have now would stay and could make a living on what we pay them. If I knew my kids could still have art, PE and music and that a reading teacher was available to those who need the extra help. We have to decide what is most important to our state as a whole and stop taking the money from education.
D.R. T.S.	Broomfield Littleton	
R.C. C.J. S.B. A.M. M.K. M.B.	Lakewood Castle Rock Centennial Denver Westminster Manitou Springs	Larger class sizes (allows little to no time for personalized attention), less services, overly taxed staff, very few new or updated resources-over all an deteriorating education for our country's future.
D.R. M.S. T.B.	Morrison Littleton Nederland	Less paraeducation, resources, materials, support staff are among many things that will be hurt in the cuts for the years ahead. I have three children that will be impacted and if we lived abroad would be receiving a better education than here - it's sad that our country does not seem to see the full import of not spending the time and money on our future generation and how it effects all of our lives to come.
E.V. R.B. H.S.	Boulder La Junta Denver	
N.B.	Centennial	The number of cuts at each school will be devastating and will impact classroom size heavily. Having a Language Arts class of over 30 in a middle school will lower the use of effective teaching strategies and the use of a number of reasonable assessment tools (grading papers).
M.C. K.V.	Greenwood Village Golden	We need to make educating our children the #1 priority for funds in this state and country. PLEASE DO NOT let our children SUFFER because of money! We need to come together as a nation and solve this problem without punishing our children s education even further.
S.M. D.B. L.S. J.C.	Dolores, CO Littleton Colorado Springs Littleton	Class size, special classes cut, less time with teachers.

J.F.	Centennial	I am a passionate teacher with 2 children. Not only am I a victim of the budget cuts, but I am terrified at the lowered standards that LPS has been forced to adopt due to their financial troubles. They are cutting the IB program at our home Middle School. This award winning program has been around since I went to school there. How can you do this???
T.M.	Highlands Ranch	
P.R.	Littleton	
M.C.	Fraser	
C.G.	Denver	
W.F.	Golden	
M.F.	Monument	Special Education funding has not been cut, however our special education students will be suffering more due to the general education cuts. Class sizes are rising and differentiation is more difficult, causing our special education students to lose out in the LRE. This is outright discrimination for all students and especially those who need differentiation most! Soon, the unfunded mandates will be impossible to comply with, sending us back decades in educational progress.
C.M.	Golden	
S.A.	Littleton	Everything is being affected-- Class sizes, building maintenance, budgets for learning material...this all affects the quality of learning for our children!
B.A.	Denver	
L.B.	Monument co	
A.E.	Granby	East Grand School District has had to cut \$1,003,386 from next year's budget. In order to achieve this we've had to cut 17.5 jobs, 9 of which were teaching positions. We've also received cuts in classroom supplies and a 15% cut in athletics. There will be no more field trips, which were a great resource for our students because we live in such a rural/secluded area. We've lost the business program at the high school, a counselor at the middle school and our special education department has taken a big hit, causing increased case loads to the remaining special ed staff. These are just PART of the cuts our district has had to make to stay in the black for next year. We are also expecting even more cuts. And for the 2011-12 school year our district needs to cut an additional \$1 million. For a school district with a budget of about \$10 million, losing almost \$2.1 million dollars over the course of 2 years is a HUGE blow. I'm worried about the future of our district, but especially about the future of our children. Education is one of the MOST important things you can give a child. If our district must continue making cuts it is our children who will really suffer.
C.L.	Greeley	
R.R.	Lakewood	
J.L.	Boulder	The programs that will be cut and the larger class sizes are things that many children cannot afford to have cut from their school day. Literacy programs, before/after school programs, and others are getting and keeping kids invested in school. Smaller class sizes allow for teachers to really target struggling students and get them to understand important concepts. We know that this is the most effective way to help students learn. Why, then, is it the first thing we negotiate? We want these programs to continue and our kids to be in smaller classes.
K.L.	Crested Butte	
K.B.	Crested Butte	Cuts in teachers and academics and athletic programs.
J.M.	Monte Vista	
J.K.	Lakewood	I believe more and more parents will pull their children from the public education system further devastating the public education system. Our country is already behind other countries in education these cuts just make things worse. Worse for our children and worse for us as we grow older. There have to be other areas that can take budget cuts. For the future of our nation I hope so!
M.B.	Centennial	
C.D.	Lakewood	
T.L.	Norwood	
D.P.	Golden	I am ashamed at the funding level per student in Colorado compared to other states. PLEASE don't cut it EVEN more!
J.Y.	Black Hawk	
D.M.	Denver	
D.W.	Denver	
W.E.	Centennial	
S.H.	Boulder	
C.H.	Castle Rock	

S.G.	Denver	
B.S.	Denver	
M.E.	Lafayette	
A.N.	Morrison	My 4th grader has over 30 students in his class. They barely fit into the room, and there is very little room for differentiation in instruction for different ability levels.
D.P.	Canon City	
M.O.	Boulder	
D.V.	Arvada	My daughter is a teacher in Douglas County and that county is cutting teachers in huge numbers. We've got to stop NOW!!
E.T.	Granby	
R.M.	Centennial	
J.T.	Centennial	
K.A.	Swink	We are a very small K-12 school district, and we already are limited to very few extracurricular activities and very few electives. We will now have less teachers, less classes available, and therefore, less options for our students. They do not have a very diverse learning environment and are not exposed to much. I worry about these kids when they get into the "real world". Thanks for listening!
M.P.	Lakewood	
A.B.	Golden	
S.M.	Centennial	
E.O.	Littleton	
J.P.	Centennial	Cut funding for education? Where are we going?! We have seen a tuition increase twice in close to one year at CU Boulder. We have two nephews that can't afford to attend higher education full time. We are concerned about smart students being priced out of college completely and the lack of motivation for H.S. students if the goal of college is out of reach due to finances. We are concerned that the acceptance of out-of-state students becomes a priority to fund our Colorado colleges thus pushing Colorado residences aside. Greatly concerned that the best instructors, at any level will teach else where, and worse, be force out of their profession due to lay offs or low salaries. PLEASE, make education a priority. There is not a greater payback than an educated individual! We need to respect their instructors and CARE enough to give our Colorado students the funding they deserve. LEAD other states to prioritizing education in our nation!
J.M.	Greeley	
K.C.	Denver	
W.W.	Westminster	
R.T.	Castle Rock	
M.C.	Denver	
C.W.	Denver	
K.C.	Eagle	As a fulltime working mother, a 4-day school week would hurt my ability to pay bills as I would have to find day care. If we spent less time chasing initiatives that are not needed right NOW, we would not be cutting education, which is among our most important needs for the future.
D.Y.	Arvada	
C.T.	Denver	
B.B.	Keenesburg	We see loss of opportunities at various levels.
N.H.	Denver	
E.I.	Golden	
A.C.	Colorado Springs	
A.M.	Cheraw	Having to get rid of teachers and choices for upper level students is a travesty to our children! How are we to be able to give all students the opportunity to excel if we cannot afford to have the teachers we need? Teachers in Colorado are not even the most highly paid in the first place, and reducing funding to support such an integral part of our society's future is not acceptable. Our children's future is not something that we can afford to limit.
C.H.	Aurora	
L.M.	Denver	
G.S.	Greeley	Funding cuts mean less quality work for more students. Our students will be cheated out of a good, quality education because our teachers will be spread even more thinly and with greater expectations.

D.A.	Denver	
R.F. G.K.	Arvada	This has been an ongoing issue. I am certain there are other things that need to be cut besides our children's education!
K.L. H.B.	Parker Fort Collins	I am a freshman student at CSU trying to attain my bachelors in Interior Design. By increasing tuition even more, I won't be able to afford to go to college anymore. I am a first generation college student and my family is very proud that they can send me to college. With the increase in tuition, that will no longer be possible.
J.J. M.N.	Lone Tree Denver	I work at a Title One school in the Adams 12 Five Star School District and know that major cuts have been made and will continue to be made in the next couple of months. Discussions have been in play over what the system will look like with less people to do the job. I do not want to sound ungrateful for the job that I have because I believe teaching is one of the most rewarding jobs. However, I have seen first hand how effective teaching can be compromised without enough hands. With class sizes growing to 30+ students to one teacher, education turns into glorified babysitting. Please consider the future of our economy. We will surely reap what we sow if the future citizens of Colorado do not know how to speak and write, or have an understanding of the world and it's history. I fear for this state if we don't provide our kids with a good education. Knowledge is power!
P.S. C.W. K.K.	Superior Denver Englewood	Classroom size will be larger, more students in each classroom, not enough supplies for these students, yet the teacher still has the same expectations. Students that need extra help will not be able to have the support of specialists.
T.H.	Morrison	I have 2 children in elementary school. The quality of the education that my 6th grader was getting has clearly diminished over the past 3 years with class sizes at 39 kids in rooms that were made for 20. Kids are shoulder to shoulder, no room to breath, noise levels are high, the assistant teacher was fired, and illness is rampant all year long from the overcrowding. This year we are home-schooling him through a publicly funded online program, COVA-- a big improvement, but so sad that the standard schools have driven us out. My 3rd grader is in a fantastic gifted and talented program which is under dire economic stress. Teachers are no longer allowed to use the school's photo copy machine, and are required to pay for there own paper, supplies and ink cartridges, or take their photo copy jobs to Kinkos! THIS IS HIDEOUS! Please, do not allow our ignorant voters to continue cutting the school budgets. In this economic crisis it is more fitting to cut out unnecessary costly tests that do not help our children learn. Specifically, CSAP. Colorado spends \$25 million per year on CSAPs (plus another \$50,000 per school that buys into csap prep software), yet it is well-recognized that these tests DO NOT HELP OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN. I love research, and I have to admit to enjoying all of the data csaps have provided, but this is not the time for spending vast amounts of money for our own intellectual amusement. We need teachers first...not tests. Please help our public schools to regain the quality we had 10 years ago. Teachers are unable to provide our students with the time and individualized attention that they require when class sizes are vast, there are no assistant teachers, and they are paying out of pocket for the books and classroom supplies. We need your help...and so do the kids. Thank you!
J.M.	Centennial	
H.W. A.M.	Littleton Grand Junction	
R.H.	Monument	At my school, some classroom teachers positions were cut so the class sizes have grown to up to 28 students in an elementary. We've had cuts in positions such as Reading intervention, school counseling, and librarian.
J.M.	Castle Rock	Class sizes are getting bigger, funding has been cut which make it harder to buy supplies and give kids individualized attention. I can go one class period without addressing all of their needs because there are too many kids in my classes. I am getting very tired of the fact that funding is always cut in education and people complain so much about their tax dollars, when really they are paying a pittance for their kids (or future) education.
G.L.	Fort Collins	Education is absolutely essential to the well being of our state and country. My own children are out of school by now but I am concerned for my grandchildren and yours, and our country's future. Please figure out a way to adequately fund education at all levels. I am willing to pay more taxes to do so.

J.Y. K.M. L.G.	Superior Castle Rock Colorado Springs	
T.L.	Lakewood	I am a teacher in Golden. I am also a single mother of two children in Jefferson County. I really cannot afford any kind of pay cut and will have to seriously consider filing bankruptcy if my salary is reduced in any way. Some of us are forced to live month to month because of this declining economy. Cutting teacher salaries will have drastic effects on many of us.
J.P.	Westminster	
B.L.	Monument	
P.S. L.A.	Centennial Aurora	I have been a teacher in the Englewood School District for eleven years now. This is a great district. It is small and landlocked. Englewood suffers from declining enrollment which has made funding difficult to begin with. We have already closed two schools, one elementary and one middle school. Budget cuts to education means even less opportunity for our lower social economic students. A rise in class sizes, decrease in PE, Art, Music impact their education. Not to mention more staff having to wear even more hats to get the job done often leads to burnout and a lesser quality being delivered. Education is always stated as the most important area for the future yet it is always cut. It is time to make it a priority and fund it so our students will have the education they need to lead this country. Thank you for your efforts to make education a priority.
S.P.	Fort Collins	I work with kids who have developmental disabilities as well as low income families. These cuts mean that services to help this population will be reduced once again and put them at even greater risk of not being successful
K.M.	Granby	Increases in class sizes, elimination of high school programs (business, sports medicine, automotive), elimination of middle school counselors, decrease in extracurricular activities, ie. field trips and sports
B.W.	Highlands Ranch	It reduces the property value of our homes as schools close and children get worse scores.
C.H.	Lakewood	My 9th grade daughter at Bear Creek High School has played trombone in band for 5 years. She is in marching, jazz & concert bands & is doing great in school. I know part of this is the support & enthusiasm from band teachers & other band students. The extra activities help keep an interest in school while they also know they need to do well in the core classes to continue in band.
K.R.	Fort Collins	My school will close at the end of this school year due to budget cuts. This is the sad reality that many will be facing in the years to come if something is not done.
A.B. C.M.	Granby Lakewood	
J.C. A.M.	Denver Erie	Our district cut 400,000 dollars from THIS year's general budget. Currently I am having to depend on fundraiser money to finish off the school year. We have nothing left in our general budgets after Finance Dept came in two months ago and stripped us of our remaining money. They will cut 8.2 million dollars from next year's budget with an additional 8+ million for the 2011-12 school year. This will not be in postit notes. These are teachers and support staff. I have had to cut 5 teachers from my building alone, cut my parent liaison, librarian, custodians, paras, and a counselor. Last year our school was the only middle school to make AYP first time in 11 years. We have put instructional practices in place that have improved achievement and decreased behavior problems, however now with all the cuts-- which include interventions that were responsible for the growth scores, crowded classrooms 40 + , cuts in support staff that have been influential in making the difference -- our building will be in a state of survival. How can we expect to improve achievement with no materials, no interventions, crowded classrooms, no support, fewer custodians, fewer paraprofessionals, no music program etc. This is a catastrophe , a disaster to the educational system. I do not know how Colorado will be able to support all of the unemployed teachers that will be out in the community next year. 80 in my district alone. Tonight I heard the news announce that Adams 12 will have 188 alone. The Colorado economy and the future lives of our children will be affected forever. I have lost my passion as a leader of my building, feeling as if I am in charge of a "sweat shop" where teachers are expected to produce a watered down product in extremely unbearable conditions. Someone needs to take notice!!!
J.C.	Winter Park	

K.C. V.R.	Louisville Arvada	Our son, a high school junior, apparently will not be able to get college credit for his advanced high school classes through CU Succeed. Paying for these credits in high school both save our family money per credit hour and help spread tuition costs over more years.
C.B.	Denver	
D.B. D.V.	Granby Denver	
L.C.	Frederick	Potentially many teachers can be without a job, which consequently will increase teacher-student ratio, which consequently may result in a more difficult setting to deliver a true, proper, and rich education.
T.A.	Grand Junction	The administration at Mesa State college is contemplating a 3-year B.A. program to rush students through college. Many of the humanities requirements are being eliminated and the college is moving away from a liberal arts school to a technical training center: job skills v. education (good employees v. active citizens).
A.S. B.E. C.H. S.S.	Fleming Parker Boulder Boulder	This is hideous. You can not let these budget cuts destroy our childrens' futures. Do something!
D.H. E.W. G.B. K.A.	Littleton Eagle Boulder Denver	We have been told that class sizes are increasing, transportation will be reduced and programming changes may be made. Our students and teachers deserve to be made a priority when considering the state's budget.
A.D.	Castle Rock	We will have bigger class sizes, most of support staff has been eliminated, programs are being cut, no attention to quality of teacher, programs to continue professional development for teachers cut..just to name a few!
A.H. J.S. J.G.	Colorado Springs Arvada Greeley	
S.S. S.A. S.J. S.R. T.G. V.A.	Golden Salida Calhan Littleton Fort Lupton Arvada	
A.M.	Englewood	Art and drama have been cut to half-time classes. Tech Arts has been cut all together. Class sizes for next year appear to be at a 35 student minimum. "What's best for students" has only ever been a catch phrase. Never practiced. How many students will get left behind?
C.H.	Aurora	As a teacher in Douglas County, I am reminded daily how fortunate I am that I still have a job. But that job is getting harder and harder with larger classes, less preparation time, less time to work with students individually, more emails to write, fewer benefits, less money in my pocket, and on and on. I am sickened by the way our communities have chosen to treat some of their best and brightest teachers and their future lawyers, doctors, and even teachers.
N.B.	Frisco	Cutting education budgets even further is equivalent to eating our seed corn. This is the surest way to further decline in our economy for another generation, then another, and Short sighted! Raise taxes!
M.C.	Golden	
N.S. P.D. M.W.	Boulder Lakewood Norwood	I attended a community school budget meeting last night regarding our 7% cut in funding for next year. This is going to have a huge impact on our school. We are considering going to a 4 day school week and cutting some staff. Our kids' education is their future and ours. Look at the civilized nations of the world; without education there is chaos.

J.G.	Denver	
L.D. M.A. C.G.	Golden Denver Fleming	In Fleming we have one teacher per grade level. If funds are cut drastically, students, in some cases, will have to be placed with those not in their grade level or we will be forced to cut services that allow our students to take part in music, art, business, computer applications and use, or physical education. All of the above would mean a great loss to our students and their well rounded and proficient education.
M.M. R.C.	Arvada Boulder	
R.P. V.G.	Golden Craig	Moffat County School District is facing, like other schools in Colorado, serious economic forces, which are requiring us to reduce our budget by nearly \$1.4M. This reduction is unprecedented in the history of our District and is requiring a review of all programs and services. Such reviews are only being conducted in a forced context. Students and families of Moffat County and the state of Colorado deserve generous funding for education not less funding. These economic forces are well beyond our control; however, our objective remains quality education for all of our students. We have engaged the faculty, staff, school and wider community to arrive at an understanding regarding this fiscal crisis. And, our collective aim is to do everything possible to preserve our highly effective and student-centered educational programs.
L.N. M.C.	Centennial Lakewood	Our children are being bulked into huge classrooms where the teachers are working harder to control the classrooms behaviors versus teaching them new material.
J.H. J.S. D.M.	Boulder Grand Lake Denver	Over 1300 students are affected by funding cuts Studies show that classrooms with over 25 students can negatively impact learning. Cutting access to programs designed to fill in the educational gaps in our system is in violation of the NCLB Act.
C.D. D.S. J.G. J.A. L.D.	Tabernash Denver Lakewood Golden Lakewood	The most critical investment we can make is in our kids' education. Jeffco Public Schools is facing \$40 million in budget cuts over the next two years - that means bigger class sizes, fewer options, and less support for teachers. Jeffco is not alone. Districts across Colorado are struggling with devastating budget cuts. We've got to take a hard look at tax policy in this state and our convoluted constitution.
T.G.	Aurora	We face larger class sizes, loss of valuable resources like additional reading support and less one on one attention that is so crucially needed for some students who have limited time and adult interaction at home. We need to keep students motivated to learn not a feeling of being a sardine in a can.
A.V. A.R.	Golden Lakewood	
B.D. K.C. K.K. L.V. M.F. M.S. C.S.	Fort Collins Swink Lakewood Westminster Lakewood Arvada Parker	As retired citizens our resources are limited, but we know that a strong, healthy nation depends on an educated population. Recent cuts to education funding at all levels has lowered our competitive standing on a global level. Funding education even though it means paying more taxes should be a priority.
J.P.	Lakewood	Despite loving our caring, interested teacher, she has 26 students and has a hard time getting back to us even via emails. She moed from the 3rd grade to the 1st grade and had to buy books for the kids out of money from her own pocket. please, do not depleat our money stores any more!!!
S.A.	Golden	
T.T.	Fraser	

Y.P. J.U.	Denver Kremmling	Every part of a student's education will be affected by education funding cuts. Program and staff reductions will diminish the quality of education that children deserve. The state is moving in the wrong direction for improving our schools and education.
R.S.	Superior	Funding cuts will increase class size and decrease student learning. This is not an opinion-- it is a fact. If Colorado taxpayers and their political representatives may think there is no consequence for cutting education, they are sorely mistaken. We will pay indefinitely for each dollar "pinched" from the education budget today.
P.W. R.W. S.F. D.R. E.S. K.M.	Boulder Boulder Lakewood Larkspur Thornton Arvada	I am both a teacher and a parent of Jeffco children. It saddens me that we are one of the lowest ranking states and districts regarding funding for our children! I could go teach in Wyoming and have immensely better resources based on the per child funding and my child would have access to much higher quality textbooks and technology. It is sad that Colorado lacks in such a big way. We continue to increase class size wherein research has proven lower class size improves learning. Though we continue to make do with what we have and do a good job, imagine what we could do with the appropriate resources and emphasis put on our future. If I had a choice, my children and I would be somewhere besides Colorado - somewhere that makes education a priority! It is embarrassing. I understand that much of the funding for schools is based on voters and tax increases however, with such a huge deficit in the public funding it seems ludicrous that the state would take additional funds away or not increase funding to make up for that deficit. I am sad for our children.
S.R. D.E.	Fort Collins Golden	I won't be able to afford school after cuts. In tough times, protecting our children's education should be a much higher priority than protecting state worker's jobs & pensions, particularly part time state workers.
S.T. C.S.	Aurora Arvada	My 11 year-old son's class has almost doubled in the last year from 18 students to 32 students. Fitzmorris has already let three teachers go and will have to let two more go for next year. My 7 year-old nephew attends Russell Elementary and it will close it's doors after this year. Our area middle school will now become a K - 8 school because of these cuts. We are all trying to keep a positive attitude, but it gets harder and harder to watch the FUTURE of this country become less and less important as our public education system falls apart. Children of low income families are being pushed to the wayside as they have no other choices but public education. PLEASE PLEASE think of the big picture and Colorado's future during these increasingly difficult financial times.
M.M. N.C. P.K. T.K.	Highlands Ranch Denver Lakewood Lakewood	Our children will fall behind in education threatening the very position of the United States as an economic leader. Our children will fail in the market leaving a legacy of downturn for our entire culture. Great teachers are losing faith, exhausted by cuts, and concerned for their own families. My children love Mrs. Morrell and Mrs Seymour but they will be paralyzed to the point that they have no choice but to stop teaching. Without these teachers and without arming our children for success in the world, what does our future look like? Take a moment and picture it. Sincerely, Mother, Worker, American T. Shiloh Kelly
M.D. R.S. S.T.	Westminster Lakewood Salida	Our district is facing cutting 1/3 of their budget to continue operations. This effects every one in our community. Class sizes increase, jobs are lost, transportation and sports may be cut completely, school nurse positions may be eliminated and we may switch to a four day week. This is NOT okay. Our schools and our children deserve a BAIL OUT!!!! Stop the cuts and fund education P-12 !
H.S.	Superior	Our students are missing out on academic challenges in their classrooms. The smart kids aren't being challenged, because there is a lack of resources to push them to the next level. They are learning that in life they don't have to strive for the best, because mediocrity is all that is expected or taught to them. We need to allocate more funds to our schools (even if our roads have pot holes or are trails aren't maintained for a few years.) We need to keep striving to educate our future. Our children need to learn to their potential and have resources available to accomplish this.

A.H. B.E. T.T.	Denver Thornton Arvada	Students will not get the additional math assistance that they need. We will not be able to offer the selection of elective courses that help keep kids in school and add to their core academic learning. There will be less one to one help since class sizes will grow and more behavior concerns will have to be addressed at the same time.
K.P. L.C.	Lakewood Denver	
L.H. M.M.	Peetz Colorado Springs	
L.M.	Aurora	The students who will be hurt the most are those students who have already been forgotten by their parents and their community. Those who struggle to find their way. Their parents don't take them to the cushy charter schools, or make sure they have enough food, let alone school supplies. They are the very ones who no longer have electives, because their CSAP test scores are too low. They must take double blocks of reading and math. they go to the schools where PE, music and life skills have already been cut from the budget. Where security is an issue because security has already been downsized because of funding. Our schools are already in trouble. More funding cuts will rob our children or their right to a free public education.
D.B. F.S. G.D. H.N. M.K.	Wheat Ridge Littleton Denver Westminster Colorado Springs	Too many teachers are being cut which results in larger classrooms. Current count puts 35 students with a single teacher. This is unacceptable. There is no way our children can learn with that many students in a class built for 20 students.
M.S.	Westminster	We have already had to let several teachers go last year because of cuts, and I know some are on the chopping block again for next year. Our 5th grade classrooms had about 38 kids each this past year because of budget cuts.
A.L. A.M. D.M.	Grand Junction Fort Collins Frederick	
J.S. J.W. K.M.	Golden Fort Collins Louisville	
K.J. R.P. R.K. S.B. S.D. S.M. T.B.	Greeley Kremmling Evergreen Denver Longmont Lakewood Arvada	
V.S.	Louisville	
K.G.	Kiowa	As we increase class size, we lose great teachers, not to other districts, but to the unemployment line. These educators will never return to education. In the future, if things should improve, we'll struggle once again to find college graduates who desire to work in the teaching field. When we speak of teacher pay, we speak in terms of "average". With so many new teachers in the district, we really should be looking at the "median". It is a truer picture of the lack of pay for teachers in a district that is strong and can keep good teachers working with our great students.
K.M.	Louisville	Classes are being cut, class sizes increased. Students are Colorado's future. It is unacceptable to cut education funding! We need to invest in our students,
S.N. B.H. C.J. C.D. D.D.	Golden Golden Centennial Broomfield Parker	Enough is enough! Our kids deserve better.

B.K.	Denver	Funding squeezes have reduced curriculum and decreased ability to shape education to learning style. This has been going on for as long as I taught in Jeffco Schools and the 13 years since I retired.
A.M.	Colorado Springs	
J.O.	Fraser	
J.G.	Lakewood	
K.G.	Denver	I am a teacher at an public elementary school in NW Denver. This year our class sizes increased by 4 to 8 students in some of our classrooms. It is extremely difficult for all students to get their deserved attention when there are 32 of them!
F.S.	Denver	I find it absolutely appalling that the DPS school board is cutting the school budget AGAIN! When are they going to make DPS about the CHILDREN! I pay property taxes and they NEVER go down only up so I am extremely confused as to how they do not have money for basic programs such as art.
M.G.	Fort Collins	I want the best for my children. I want them to be prepared for college, I don't think they will be --A very concerned mother of two children in CO schools.
D.O.	Colorado Springs	
E.V.	Rocky Ford	
G.H.	Denver	
H.H.	Grand Junction	
H.T.	Denver	In the school district where I teach and in the school district where my son attends elementary school, the class size will increase. Currently I have 27 students in my first grade class. My son has 28 in his first grade class. This class size is too large now and will certainly be too large if it grows next year. I am concerned about budget cuts and how they will affect class size. I would also like to request that people at the administration building be required to cut their budgets as deeply as at the school level. Thanks.
B.N.	Cheraw	
H.A.	Englewood	
J.H.	Arvada	
V.B.	Ridgway	Kids need people who care. Cuts like those proposed rob kids of support and services that can protect them and prevent loss of future potential. It is heartbreaking to think of the many children whose potential will be lost because the money wasn't there to provide them with the resources they needed when they needed them.
P.G.	Broomfield	Larger class sizes with fewer support staff. Teachers are already underpaid and now we're increasing workload. Students are not getting their fare share.
V.C.	Arvada	My 4th Grader already has a class size of 30 students. This is taxing on the teacher as well as the students. Let's follow the lead of Adams County 50 and create a bare bones administration and provide more teachers! Let's focus on the teachers and children and less on the administrations huge salaries!!!
D.T.	Westminster	
J.N.	Centennial	
J.B.	Lakewood	
J.B.	Arvada	
L.N.	Denver	My students already have to go without music or art, and we only have P.E. every other day. Further budget cuts would cut specials down even more as well as reduce the number of special education support professionals for students on IEPs and intervention support for students struggling to meet grade-level standards but not on IEPs. This would widen the gaps in achievement for all students as class sizes grow. We can't afford to reduce funding any more.
M.M.	Dolores	
M.M.	Aurora	
R.D.	Lakewood	
K.G.	Rifle	Our district is cutting FTE positions in each building. Even though they are not direct classroom teachers, they are vital support personnel in the areas of Special Ed and English Language acquisition. Those groups of students have had increased achievement levels in the last few years, and I expect those gains will slide.
A.G.	Golden	
J.A.	Littleton	
J.M.	Fraser	
W.P.	Colorado Springs	Our kids will be affected by larger class sizes which will mean less instructor time per child. They will also lose physical education, art and music classes, which are vital to their education.

J.C.	Agate	Our small rural district has already taken cuts for the past 4 years. We have done what other schools are just now doing: 4-day week, combined classes, no athletics, cuts in administration, and more. We will not likely survive further cuts.
A.A.	Lakewood	
B.W. B.A.	Boulder Colorado Springs	
S.K.	Superior	Students are at risk of losing needed academic and social emotional support they need to be successful. Adults will be further stretched and have less time and energy to compensate for the losses of support staff and higher class sizes. Thank you for your continued work on this. It is possibly the most important work you're doing.
R.J.	Arvada	The students in Jefferson County will be affected by these cut with larger class sizes, possibly shorter school weeks and teachers on furlough days.
C.P. C.T. D.K.	Denver Denver Steamboat Springs, Colorado	Too many kids in the Kindergarten classroom. No money to pay a 2nd Para.
D.C.	Lakewood	
J.M.	Denver	We already have too many kids in classrooms. Research shows that kids learn better when they are in a smaller learning environment. With more cuts this situation is only going to get worse. Also, how are we going to get new talent in the classroom? Our starting salaries currently are nothing to speak of. We need to invest in our future first and foremost. PLEASE do anything in your power to help make that happen.
C.D.	Littleton	
C.B. D.S. D.L. B.C.	Denver Lafayette Larkspur Littleton	We have already made huge budget cuts in the LPS district and have closed 2 schools. Now we are looking at losing teachers and increasing class sizes for next year. I realize the funding issues are huge, but I would much rather drive around a few potholes or make cuts in other places. Our kids are our future, and we need to fund the schools!!!
K.M.	Ridgway	When the only means to achieving budget cuts is to cut programs, you have hurt the kids.
K.C.	Denver	
K.Y. S.R. S.S.	Crested Butte Lafayette Morrison	
T.H. V.G. N.D.	Gunnison Monument Colorado Springs	\$100,000.00 worth of work study student money is going to be cut. That means \$100,000.00 of unemployed students just at my Community College.
L.E.	Loveland	Because of budget cuts, we will have larger class sizes, we will have to pay for busing, and there will be a decrease in materials
J.B.	Monument	Closing a middle school, moving 6th grade back to elementary; moving an elementary; reboundary; bigger class sizes; letting go 49 staff including many teachers. Floor level funding.
M.K. N.S. N.G. P.R. V.M.	Denver Lakewood Centennial Granby, Palmer Lake	Due to budget cuts, Lewis Palmer School District eliminated 50 teaching positions for the upcoming school year. Class sizes will be increase by an average of 5 students per class. For secondary teachers, that means an average of 30 additional papers to grade for each assignment given. In addition, retained teachers, whose pay has been frozen for 2 years, will lose vision and dental benefits. This is after several years of being one of the lowest salary scales in the state. Finally, to add insult to injury, there is discussion regarding CUTTING teacher salaries for next year
R.R. S.P.	Centennial Denver	

S.M.	Denver	
J.S.	Golden	Ever since I was a child, I remember my father reciting the quotation over the the administration doors of Southern Oregon State College: "The foundation of a state is the education of its youth." Education has always been the highest ideal for my family and me. I bet that it is a high ideal for most in the Colorado State government. No one can ignore the statistics about how much students achieve when the are given the best education. Please direct the funds needed to make sure that our students are the foundation of our state in the near future. Thank you for doing the right thing.
C.R.	Aurora	Gateway High School will lose 8 teachers and one assistant principal.
K.D. K.B.	Fraser Louisville	
L.C. L.F. N.B.	Boulder Littleton Greenwood Village	I go to Arapahoe High School, and I have been told we are planning to cut our award-winning drama program in half, possibly even cutting out our winter comedy which is the only one I am able to participate in (I am also a varsity football player and track and field athlete), as well as completely cutting our French foreign language program. Considering the multi-cultural and interconnected world we live in today, this is disastrous.
R.M. R.L.	Golden Arvada	
S.N. M.G.	Littleton Denver	I spent 14 years as an educational therapist working with special needs kids who could not be well served in the public schools. If cuts of this kind are enacted, the population of underserved students will expand to regular students. Colorado already suffers from an undereducated work force which negatively impacts job growth and the economy. Please work to find solutions that do not give away the future.
J.T.	Eagle	In poor economic times, the last thing that should be cut is education, that is training for our future! Please re-think this
A.M. A.T.	Granby Littleton	Invest Now...Save Later!!! Jeffco is facing huge budget deficits in the next few years. Our community is already feeling the effects. My daughter is in a 3rd grade class with 25 students and one teacher. Our elementary school has lost their full-time specials teachers and now has to split art, P.E. and music. The teachers share their time at other schools. Ken Caryl M.S. was threatened to be closed, which is the feeder middle school for our elementary school. Our children are the future- if they do not receive an education that allows them to be productive, 21st Century adults, what will become of our society and future? Budget cuts affect the short and the long opportunities for our children and our own futures.
L.M.	Golden	Larger classes are a recipe for disaster. We indicated, when passing Amendment 23, that we wanted to ensure ongoing funding for our students. While realizing the extent of the economic crunch on everyone's pocketbook, we cannot cut funding for education. It not only affects our students' ability to excel now, but for years to come, including when they move into adulthood to become productive citizens. Cutting funds for in-class education -- core courses as well as music, art, PE -- is unacceptable. Please consider keeping these programs to encourage learning in all areas. Also, cut the state testing requirements, cut transportation for neighborhood schools and encourage alternate modes (walking, biking, etc.).
K.H.	Arvada	My children's elementary school is losing at least 3-1/2 teachers next year which will mean increased class sizes. Also, Choice Enrollment into Jeffco's high performing schools will be practically impossible. Not even siblings are getting spots for next year. Families are going to have to put their children in different schools or uproot all of their children to keep them together.
M.R. R.L. R.M. S.S. T.W.	Lakewood Denver Denver Boulder Lakewood	My elementary aged children are already in classes with 30+ students. They have to share their art, music and gym teachers. I can't imagine losing even more teachers or making more cuts than we already have made. These children are our future and we are only hurting ourselves by limiting their potential!

K.H.	Colorado Springs	Our class sizes are increasing, special time (PE, music, etc.) is being jam-packed in the day, interventionists time is spread too thin. Teachers are stretched too thin - too many things on our plates and too little time!
H.B.	Littleton	Our district has already been cutting its budget for the past few years due to declining enrollment. This means there is no "padding" left, so we are cutting almost 100 teachers next year. This results in fewer classroom teachers in my 3rd grader's elementary school and fewer electives for my high school student. Our amazing teachers will make next year's cuts seem less painful than they are, but I am worried about their effectiveness even before the proposed cuts for 2011-12.
K.R.	Greeley	Our fourth grade classes are already at 30 students a class. Increasing class size for us would be devastating. We can't meet the needs of our students now.
C.K. D.D. D.R. L.M.	Longmont Arvada Pueblo Highlands Ranch	Our school has classes with 34 students in them. Next year this won't even sound all that big because a class size of 26-27 students will be considered small. We're letting go 1/4 of our teachers, most of whom are great teachers. We just can't afford to keep them anymore. Kids who qualify for OT services don't always receive them because there simply aren't enough resources for everyone who qualifies to get the help they need. Finally, if things get even worse, I don't see how we can keep art, music, etc.
J.A.	Arvada	
J.M. J.W. D.B.	Lakewood Greeley Greenwood Village	Proposed budget cuts in LPS eliminate nearly all funding for literacy specialists at the elementary level, leaving each school with a half-time person to help all students who are not reading at grade level. Also on the chopping block are 6.5% of teaching staff overall, our International Baccalaureate programs at the elementary and middle school levels, the AVID program, among others.
K.S. K.F. s.P.	Tabernash Arvada Longmont	
S.E.	Littleton	The budget cuts are making the children anxious about their future in Douglas County. My daughter literally had her science book taken out of her hands because the class had to pass the books on to another class to use for the rest of the year since there were not enough books for the whole grade -- so that was the end of science. She came home in tears not understanding why since she loved science and knew they had not finished the curriculum. My high school daughter came home upset because one of her favorite teachers, who runs several afterschool activities said he would probably leave the state once the furloughs started in conjunction with the salary freezes because he could not afford to support his family in Douglas County and needed to move to a cheaper place. So instead of focusing on their school day, the children are worried and see opportunities disappearing. I am willing to pay more taxes to support education. I guess others in my district don't feel that way!
C.S. D.C. R.B.	Brighton Fleming Centennial	The students are going to miss out of a lot of extra programs - after school activities. We talk about over-weight kids, yet we cut programs to help them do things other than eat! Kids also need to see how all areas of learning really do impact their way of thinking. We need our kids to be better educated and not at the expense of losing our teachers. Classrooms are too big, kids need more individual attention, especially in areas that they are suffering in - reading, writing and math. Teachers need to be there to help.
E.P. F.L. G.H.	Littleton Golden Grand Junction	
W.C.	Carbondale	The vast majority of students that attend the public schools and CMC here in the Roaring Fork area are supported by parents from the construction trades. This area of employment has been greatly impacted by the depression. Any cuts in funding will cause great harm to the students.

R.M.	Centennial	This is a very simple equation. The more we cut from the education budget the LESS our children learn. The schools ask for more & more financial help from families. We are already struggling. I get to choose if I'd like to be late on a bill, or pay for my children's field trips, additional supplies, etc. I cannot believe there is NO possibility of shifting funds from other departments/sources to cover our country's future. Other countries make education a priority, and those countries are passing us by. Is the USA the next fallen Roman Empire????
A.C. J.M. J.G.	Centennial Denver Parker	
J.E.	Denver	Ultimately, our society needs to make education a priority to ensure that we are educating, developing, and growing individuals who are capable of competing in the world market.
A.H. B.H. B.H. A.K.	Broomfield Aurora Mancos Boulder	We have already seen about 26 administrative jobs cut here and there are talks of teachers and programs being hacked from the schools. My concern is that we might create an environment that's more about herding and containing students rather than teaching them. We need them to learn. We all do.
C.H. D.R. D.H. E.S.	Boulder Littleton Fraser Mancos	We need to be able to give the students the opportunity to succeed. We need to stand behind all the students we do not want to leave anyone behind. Give all the students the same opportunities to further their education. Do not leave the little towns left out. I feel in the long run letting our students down will lead them in the wrong direction. We need to be there for them, to help them be able to make the right choices. We need to offer them PE, music, wood shop, and other classes so they enjoy going to school. I hope the school will be able to keep the teachers that have experience, and have put their hearts in to being there for our students. Please do not cut the budget and give up on our children they are the future. Thank You
A.P. a.A. T.Y.	Westminster Denver Centennial	
T.E. W.F. P.M.	Golden Kiowa Evergreen	As President of the Board of Education for CCSDRE1, I know first hand how much havoc these cuts have on a budget that is already cut to the bone. Drastic cuts to public education which already underfunded can only lead to an impoverished future -- for our students, our communities, and for our state. Colorado deserves better.
S.W. J.B. K.K. K.M. N.B. L.B.	Centennial Lakewood Lakewood Golden Denver Boulder	Budget cuts will mean larger class sizes, limited specialists, classes and programs, and cutting new and probationary teachers who give their heart and soul (like most teachers) to their students. How will we reach each student and help him/her reach his/her greatest potential with the odds stacked against us like this?
S.C. K.K. L.G.	Boulder Lone Tree Greenwood Village	
K.K. M.Z.	Denver Englewood	Class sizes with Adapt students are going to be above 39. How is that possible? I as a teacher am losing my job and my partner is going to have to deal with 39 students for the next 5th grade class.
S.L. F.G.	Boulder Denver	Everyone's future is at stake if we continue to cut funds for education. Please make every effort to give administrators the resources they need to serve all students giving them the tools they need to lead us into the future!
S.E.	Denver	

A.B.	Castle Rock	Having upwards of 28 students in first grade classes this year in our school has limited the amount of teacher attention each child gets at the most crucial time in their school career. Next year will be even worse due to the cuts we are projected to experience. I appeal to the common sense of the legislature to limit any more cuts to Preschool - University funding. Colorado has consistently ranked in the lowest 25% nationally in school funding prior to this financial crisis. We cannot afford to continue this neglect of our children's future. Remember, these are the adults who will be making decisions about our state and nation in the years to come!!
A.L. C.P. H.S.	Superior Arvada Hot Sulphur Springs	
J.T. T.W.	Littleton Arvada	I do not have children of my own and yet I am willing to pay a higher tax/millage to ensure "our" (my community) kids get a good education. These educational cuts and reforms are just not okay with me. Political incumbants and candidates will not receive my vote at the polls unless they stand FOR education and courageously vote for higher budgets in our school spending. It's ridiculous that Colorado is so low on the average spent per student. Get the message!
R.R.	Gunnison	
R.O. S.P. A.K.	Denver Centennial Denver	I no longer have my children in public education because of the sad situation our public schools face. I cannot tolerate the class sizes and increased burden put on teachers. It is disgusting how little importance the state of CO is putting on education. Are we living in the dark ages? Why is education the first to be cut? It should be the absolute last and get the most funding our state can afford. It is embarrassing to say that I live in Colorado.
L.W. M.R.	Aurora Denver	
M.K. J.P.	Centennial Grand Junction	I work with 1st Graders who are already way below grade average in reading, in order to bring them up to the level of their classmates before the gap becomes impossible to bridge. My son was fortuniate enough to receive this kind of help in 1st grade and it made a tremendous impact on his future. I would hate to see this opportunity taken away from future citizens.
M.Z.	Morrison	It's a shame to cut the future of our children. SHAME ON YOU LEADERS.
N.P. N.W. P.M.	Golden Denver Erie	
L.D.	Palmer Lake	Larger class sizes, good teachers being let go, loss of GT math for 4th grade (GT person spread too thin); I hear this is just the start...many more changes to come for next year.
K.T. L.B. P.L. R.K. S.G.	Lakewood Lakewood Crested Butte Englewood Lakewood	Music, Arts, Physical Education and Foreign Language absolutely should not be cut from school budgets. These programs have taken a hit already yet the role they play in developing a well rounded child is invaluable. Not to mention the contribution these programs have in brain development.
L.S. L.H. M.P.	Grand Lake Dolores Centennial	

C.H.	Denver	My daughter's first grade class has 27 kids with no paraprofessional. My daughter has a great teacher that works really hard, but there are just too many kids for much individual attention. I noticed that my daughter was writing her letters from the bottom up and from the right side to the left side. A handout was sent home showing the mechanics of how the kids should write each letter (start a writing the "A" by making a line from the top down on the left side, then make a line from the top down on the right side, and then draw the line in the middle). There are too many children in the class for the teacher to make sure each child is writing each of their letters correctly. It is up to the parents to teach their children the correct way to write. This is just a little thing, but it makes me wonder how many other things are falling through the cracks because there are 27 first graders in a class with only one teacher. Funding cuts will make the classes even bigger - and hurt our kids. How many more skills will fall through the cracks?
K.L. L.D. M.K.	Englewood Arvada Arvada	
D.H.	Golden	My student is affected by having more kids in the classroom. He, as well as many other students, need a little extra help and encouragement to keep him on track. He is currently behind in his reading and writing, and the teacher has a hard time reaching him and other students because she has too many. If you continue to increase class size, too many kids will suffer and be left behind. I raise the question: Isn't allowing our kids to fall behind academically a much greater cost?
G.G. H.L.	Golden Denver	
J.S. S.F.	Pagosa Springs Thornton	Our district is one of the lowest per pupil funded districts in the metro area - if not THE lowest. We have already trimmed the "fat" that once may have existed in a school district budget.....we have very few art/music/pe positions in the district and no school has all three, we have no para professionals or math/literacy coaches, we have no assistant principals..... and now the student to teacher ratio is going up. Two schools are closing and this doesn't begin to address the budgetary gaps. Our buildings are old and falling apart. What else is left to cut out of the budget?
C.F.	Lafayette	
D.M. D.B.	Parker Kremmling	Our school district consists of one elementary/middle school building and a high school. Being a small school district, teachers are already are taking on many roles within the building on top of teaching. We have one administrator in the building, and she has zero help as it is. Now we are being forced to cut our budget by \$400,000.00, which means cutting staff, programs, and services that have provided for our small community in the past. We are already short staffed, and now we will be in shambles. Something must be done to save education in Colorado. We look pretty pathetic!
L.V. M.K. M.K.	Lakewood Monument Arvada	
M.O. L.D.	Denver Wheat Ridge	Pennington Elementary, the school both my older siblings and I attended when we were children, was considered as one of the several schools to be shut down next year. Thankfully however, it was spared but at the expense of a different school--Russel Elementary in Arvada. It is despicable that our government will resort to diminishing means of education for our future leaders, starving them of the most fortuitous and precious gifts our country has to offer.
K.G. R.S. S.W.	Golden Arvada Westminster	
S.B.	Highlands Ranch	
B.B.	Denver	Schools are already accountable for so much outside the classroom just in order for students to be READY to learn ... not to mention the cost of actual instruction. There is nowhere else to cut if we want students to actually learn and be prepared for higher education and work.

P.B.	Denver	Teachers at my son's high school have offered to give up all new supplies next year if it will help prevent teacher cuts. How sad is that and who suffers?
C.B.	Boulder	
D.C.	Arvada	
R.B.	Denver	The school where I work serves students who would be the first in their families to attend college. They are highly motivated but need lots of support (and sometimes intervention) to pass their rigorous college prep and Advanced Placement courses. In order to assure their success, we need lower teacher-to-student ratios in the classroom; attractive teacher salaries; quality professional development; full counseling and support staffs; sufficient budgets for instructional materials; comprehensive arts, music, athletic, career, technology and after-school funding to keep the students engaged; and--for our school in particular--funding we can count on for early college courses so that as many students as possible can take advantage of ASCENT.
C.M.	Denver	
D.E.	Littleton	
K.B.	Golden	This is outrageous! How do you expect us to turn out educated, productive citezins if you wont INVEST in them (and in your own futures!). Get with it people this is who will (or won't be able to) take care of YOU!
A.W.	Monument	
E.P.	Colorado Springs	
J.B.	Fowler	
J.M.	Grand Lake	
J.T.	Golden	
J.E.	Denver	
C.R.	Fort Lupton	We are a poor district and there are few enrichment opportunities for students in our community. Field trips have helped broaden their experiences in the past, but will be gone in the budget crisis. Our salary schedule is low relative to our neighboring districts, and we lose teachers to them every year. We are better off than most due to mill levies passed in 2006, but the cuts will be deeper as we go forward.
S.I.	Winter Park	We have already cut staff, cut programs and increased class size dramatically. If we were to suffer another cut, we will have no choice but to decrease offerings and eliminate electives as well as all extra curricular activities.
A.E.	Lakewood	
J.S.	Denver	We must get more revenue for our state! Shared sacrifice means all contributing a little to preserve important services. Public schools are the bedrock of democracy!
B.S.	Lakewood	
C.P.	Highlands Ranch	
D.A.	Aurora	When my now 18 year old son was in 3rd grade in the Aurora Public School system, telling me he didn't want to go to school because they were working on the same things his 5-year old brother was doing, I knew there was a problem. I went to the teachers and administrators to see what we could do to challenge him. I was told that there were not resources for any accelerated program at this school. The classroom had 32 kids in it and about half were well below where they needed to be in reading and math, and several were English as a 2nd languauge students. The last thing the teacher had time to worry about was a student progressing above grade level. We kept working with him at home. The next year the art, music, & gym teachers were going to be shared amongst 3 elementary schools. We said Enough is enough, sold our home, and moved to the Cherry Creek school district. This issue is not about the recession -- this story is from 9 years ago. The cuts are worse now. Cherry Creek is one of the best communities in terms of supporting their schools and even we are making major cuts. My kids are almost done with school therefore less affected but my concern is for the next generation. What about our property values when the data is published depicting our declining school performance??
A.T.	Englewood	
B.T.	Denver	
C.D.	Denver	
K.K.	Golden	
S.P.	Boulder	
T.H.	Golden	

T.A.	Denver	
T.O.	Denver	
V.P.	Denver	
J.H.	Englewood	As a ten-year veteran of Englewood Schools and president of the local teachers' association, Englewood Educators, I have seen a great number of deeply regrettable budget cuts being made in our district. In a district with only 240 teachers, cutting 36 teachers is huge. This has just happened in our district. Admittedly, a few of those will be hired back, but the vast majority will not. What effect will this have on kids? They will see larger class sizes and be able to spend less individual time with their teachers. In addition, property taxes have fallen, thereby leaving the schools with less revenue. Add in the problems with legislation connected with school funding and declining enrollment, and it seems as if Englewood may have no way out but to cut further into staffing. Please do what you can to avoid this fate for Englewood kids.
L.C.	Boulder	
M.D.	Boulder	
J.K.	Castle Pines North	Class sizes are around 30 students per teacher. 4 Teacher positions will be eliminated this Fall. The Asst Principal's position will be eliminated.
R.S.	Castle Rock	
S.S.	Centennial	
D.B.	Englewood	I can help thinking of the bumper sticker that says "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Is this the slogan we Coloradoans want for our educational system? I know we don't but if we continue cutting education I'm really afraid that will happen to a generation of children. What a very sad situation we are facing! Budgets have to be balanced but do we really want that action to mean that our kids won't be able to secure a proper education? I can't see how the Colo. Legislature could live with those decisions. Please consider other sources of revenue and even taxes (isn't that obvious!) to avert disaster.
E.G.	Golden	
F.M.	Durango	
J.B.	Arvada	
R.G.	Dolores	I want my daughter to have the best education possible!
M.D.	Lafayette	More students in the classes, less choices
D.E.	Denver	
D.C.	Monument	
K.S.	Lakewood	
K.P.	Denver	
M.K.	Lakewood	My kids' teachers are incredible at doing their job with very minimal resources. However, their school had no good, working pencil sharpeners until very recently. The kids had difficulty writing, and they were just learning. My daughter's kindergarten teacher had no money in her "class budget" last week to make copies so the children had to "share" papers. How disgraceful and disheartening it is to see our wonderful teachers not be able to make copies for all of the children. I have no idea how the KLES teachers do what they do with what they do not have. It is time they are given the tools to teach our kids the way our kids have the right to be taught! More money for our schools and less for politicians' "pork" projects that have bankrupted our country.
C.H.	Calhan	
D.G.	Littleton	
E.W.	Granby	
M.W.	Littleton	Pay cut, furlough days, 200-300 jobs lost, higher student- teacher ratios, program cuts, more fees, performance pay reduced/cut, less benefits for more money.
v.I.	Centennial	
L.H.	Louisville	We have 2 teachers retiring who will not be replaced, therefore resulting in larger class sizes. We are losing a half time janitor, thus leaving 2 people to clean a school of 450 students. We are also at risk of losing our fifth grade instrumental music program, and will continue to have no real program for TAG.
C.C.	Golden	
J.S.	Denver	
J.F.	Arvada	
M.T.	Centennial	We will be losing teachers and increasing class sizes. I would rather lose the school bus or anything else than lose teachers! This is the worst sort of values - we're not going to be preparing our students well and it will affect our city, our state and our country.

A.M. B.H. J.L.	Thornton Boulder Lakewood	
S.T. S.S. T.H. L.M.	Monument Golden Aurora Thornton	Adams 12 has had to cut outdoor education from the 6th grade curriculum because of the budget cuts. They have also increased class sizes at the middle- and high school levels and have laid off over 100 teachers and staff.
M.P. N.F. P.W. A.M.	Arvada Golden Fraser Westminster	Class sizes are already too large, this will only make them larger! Teachers are already asked to juggle too much on their plates.
J.S.	Boulder	Cutting funding to our education system is going to affect everyone in untold, adverse ways! It is completely insane to prioritize anything over our children that isn't a life or limb threatening emergency. No war or road or big business is more important than our future - and our future is our children. DO NOT cut education funding, INCREASE it!!!!
M.L. N.M. P.T. J.P.	Fraser Superior Denver Denver	High school students will be limited to six classes next year; high school teachers are having to take on an extra class for no pay - a 20% increase in workload and a reduction of 500 minutes of planning time a week. These are a direct result of the reduction in TE due state funding issues and they hit the classroom directly.
M.D. P.P.	Crested Butte Boulder	
R.M. D.M.	Golden Monument	I know that the state of the economy is something most of us have never experienced. I know that you are being required to make some very tough decisions. I ask you, please, don't make any more cuts to education. Our children are going to suffer. Class sizes are increasing as teachers are being laid off. Our teachers do not make near what they should. How are we going to be able to retain quality teachers if we cannot pay them well? When our children are affected, when they do not receive a good education, it will ultimately affect our entire nation. Please stop cutting education. Thank you
M.G.	Denver	I work in Adams12 School District, and we had to cut \$24 million from our budget, including 1/2 of my job as a Colorado High Performance Power Library in a Title 1 middle school. All middle school teacher librarians were cut to 1/2 time, high school librarians were cut in 1/2 also. How can we be 21st Century schools with 19th century staffing?
M.B.	Golden	Jeffco has consistently had the largest class sizes in the state since I became a teacher in 1982. Now that I'm retired, some of the lower grades have smaller class sizes and reading, writing, and math scores have gone up as a result. If we want our students to be competitive in a global economy, to be creative in the arts, and to learn key science and social studies concepts, we have to keep our class numbers as low as possible. Every time we cut dollars from the program, teachers are released and class numbers go up.
L.W.	Denver	
M.V.	Winter Park	
M.W. S.J. M.P.	Peyton Golden Louisville	Less funding for teachers, so class sizes are getting bigger and extra support services are going away: fewer counselors to work individually with students, no tutors, study hall, campus monitors, college/career center staff, some extra-curricular activities, transportation to enrichment field trips, some athletics, and more - all at just my high school.
L.W. D.L. B.M. C.M.	Boulder Louisville Crested Butte Littleton	My kids are involved in DECA and will be very disappointed if this program is cut. Our children are our future - we need them to be well educated

M.M.	Tabernash	Our school district has 1400 students enrolled and will be losing 16 teachers, field trips, and a plethora of other items (too many to mention.) Althetic fees will triple, which will result in many students not participating because their families simply cannot afford it. Please invest in Colorado's future!!!!
D.B.	Centennial	RTI Tier Two level of reading intervention has been cut due to budget cuts. Therefore, students who previously recieved intervention due to reading levels being below grade level, will no longer recieve intervention. As a result, not only will my Literacy Specilaist job be cut so I will not have a job next year, but my daughter and other students will no longer recieve the intervention they need for reading.
D.M.	Colorado Springs	
E.G.	Boulder	
H.L.	Superior	
J.B.	Evergreen	
B.P.	Littleton	Teachers are already overwhelmed and more students per class would mean less individual attention. This includes counselors, as well.
D.K.	Denver	This story will ripple across the state. Class sizes too large, teachers out of jobs, cutting art, music, PE, library, paraprofessionals. I am a teacher out of work and do not expect to find work with so many school districts laying off hundreds of teachers.
B.H.	Cortez	
C.R.	Littleton	
C.H.	Denver	
K.L.	Granby	We are cutting 17.5 positions within our district. Our athletics are being cut by 17%. Field trips are being cut, and we are very close to shutting down a school in our community.
G.G.	Monument	We will be closing a school. We have already cut 15 elementary positions and will be cutting 35 positions for coming the school year. Class size are increases and there will be less classes to chose from. We were once a high performing school district, now our success is questionable!
A.G.	Boulder	
A.G.	Littleton	
C.H.	Crested Butte	
K.L.	Golden	
L.H.	Rifle	
S.R.	Lakewood	
T.B.	La Junta	
W.C.	La Junta	
C.T.	Arvada	27 students in a kindergarten class is too many.
S.B.	Golden	Bell Middle School in Golden is having to ask for donations to purchase classroom supplies. Please look for solutions. Thanks.
N.R.	Englewood	
P.M.	Centennial	
R.Y.	Fort Collins	
T.C.	Golden	Colorado's funding of K-12 and higher education, compared to other states, is an embarrassment!
M.S.	Arvada	
R.L.	Crested Butte	
S.M.	Arvada	
P.B.	Lakewood	I am a grandparent and know how important early education is. How dare you cut from the future of our nation.
R.P.	Greeley	I have several friends who already can't go to school because they can't afford it. Education needs to be our priority.
A.C.	Granby	If you want to invest in the future, invest in children.
E.S.	Eagle	
J.O.	Peyton	
J.C.	Granby	
K.A.	Golden	

- A.C. **Highlands Ranch** Last year, in response to budget cuts, teachers in Douglas County agreed to freezing our salaries for the 2009-2010 school year and changing our excellent health benefits to a far less-superior, Health Savings Account. Now, teachers are expected to bear the brunt of further budget cuts in the form of: higher class sizes, less support in the classroom for mild to moderate-needs SPED, further reductions to our health care benefits, additional years of frozen salaries OR pay cuts anywhere from 1 to 10 percent of our annual salaries, and up to 5 furlough days. While all of ^this^ is happening, our district/BoE is considering implementing a drastic change to our evaluation and pay structure--they're calling it "pay for performance" so while we don't know the details, we are sure that CSAP scores, parent and student evaluations, and how much extra time you spend outside of school on school-related projects (clubs, committees, attending extra-curricular events, etc.) will be a part of how much we get paid. However, with larger class sizes, how will we meet the needs of every single student? Without extra support in the classroom for students on ILPs or IEPs, how will we manage to be in compliance with state and federal law, while still managing to differentiate for all students, regardless of their ability level? With upwards of 35 or more students in the classroom, how will we make a personal connection with every single student while trying to make sure we cover the vast curriculum and try to make sure students are making a year's growth and more on CSAP? Answer? We can't. Also, take into consideration families where BOTH adults are teachers in the same district-as my husband and I are. We have 2 children under the age of 4, so not only are we paying childcare and exorbitant health care costs for the children, but my husband is considering getting a second job, on top of all the other school-related commitments he had (in addition to graduate school) in order to continue paying our bills. How are we supposed to commit to all sorts of extra, out-of-school activities to "prove" that we're a good teacher if we have families of our own?
- A.S. **Colorado Springs** My COF was lowered this semester :(
- S.A. **Golden** No more cuts.
- M.A. **Superior**
- S.B. **Denver**
- S.A. **Littleton**
- B.V. **Rocky Ford** Our school system is closing one of our schools. My sixth grader will have to be in a school with twelfth graders.
- K.J. **Golden**
- K.R. **Frederick**
- M.S. **Colorado Springs**
- S.O. **Englewood** Recent cuts have already put us at bare bones, and there is more to come. Students class sizes are already too big. There are too many cuts in the arts, which is one of the primary places for the creativity piece that is so vital to the 21st century education. Enough!!
- D.P. **Grand Lake** The elementary school in our town of Grand Lake, a small mountain tourist town which is host to visitors from around the world as they view the grandeur of Rocky Mountain National Park, is being threatened with closure. We are 16 miles away from the nearest town where our children (50-90 kids, depending on the year) would need to be transported if the school were to be closed. This would result in the winter mountain transporting of young children which would put kids at risk, overcrowding in an already full school, and eliminating a family gathering place for the community by closing our school. I am a senior citizen who understands that our children are our future and we can't put them ON HOLD.
- E.B. **Colorado Springs**
- G.S. **Denver**
- H.M. **Mancos**
- J.H. **Denver**
- G.P. **Agate** We are at the bare bones now. It's time to fund education the right way instead of the cutting the dollars for our kids.
- B.R. **Haxtun** We have one teacher per grade, Preschool - 8th grade, four core content, three and 1/2 Career & Technical Ed, one K-12 music and one K-12 art teacher. With the budget shortfalls, we should cut two teachers, but we're considering a 4-day school week and curtailing bus routes first.

T.L.	Boulder	With small class sizes, our ELL students and all students have more attention for literacy. We should not take this away from them. We need to keep classes small for literacy and math so these children can get some focused attention and build the right foundation for the years of learning to come.
V.G.	Denver	
Y.F.	Littleton	
T.H.	Centennial	As a school that has faced declining enrollment, these budget cuts really impact our school district. When we have to cut teachers, students are left with less and less electives to choose. How can schools give students the access to education that encourages a well-rounded, 21st century employee, who is a life long learner if we can't offer the classes they need? These cuts will affect the classes schools can offer which just adds to our declining enrollment that adds to less funding. It is a vicious circle. There has got to be a way to take care of our children's education. Hold off on the light rail project, scale back the renovation of the train station, put some gold paint on the capital - fund education. When the economy turns around then we can go back to those projects. Spend the money on Colorado's future the children. Wonder why students are leaving this state to attend other colleges? Because they do not think Colorado values education. Spring break brings back lots of students who have decided to get their college education in other states -it is great to see them, but why didn't they stay in Colorado? Because they do not think Colorado values education. Colorado needs teachers, school librarians, paraprofessionals, specialists, and money! Save our schools!
L.C.	Fleming	
M.M.	Golden	
S.J.	Littleton	
D.S.	Broomfield	Class sizes are already getting unmanageable. Now our district is talking about cutting Art, Music, PE, sports programs, electives and increasing class sizes to take on more budget cuts. Colorado is one of the lowest in the country for state funding for education. We have got to turn this around before it is too late. Colorado is one of the best places to live in the country, but if our education system continues to decline, it won't be long before we won't be a great place to live anymore.
K.B.	Golden	Cuts mean unwanted bigger class sizes, cuts in programs, etc...
C.K.	Winter Park	
D.S.	Crested Butte	
D.H.	Denver	
J.D.	Longmont	
J.H.	Arvada	I am a retired teacher and am having to watch many of my most gifted students either forego their education, join the military hoping to be able to get funding when they get out, or work while going to school. Most of them can't even consider schools like CU because of the high costs. Their loans, if they could get them, would create such a huge debt and that would negate any earning advantage, especially if they have aspired to be teachers. As a former teacher, I found it impossible to continue my education to get a doctorate in special education (giftedness) because of the soaring costs. If ours becomes a country where only the rich can afford education, we have returned to the kind of society our nation rejected when it was founded. By raising taxes and making this a country where only the rich have opportunity (and that includes the President and Governors) we are sowing the seeds, not only of economic destruction, but for revolution.
A.F.	Denver	
K.C.	Aurora	
T.K.	Fort Lupton	
S.C.	Superior	I am very concerned for the impact this will have on all students, especially those in the music department. Budget cuts can seriously impact children's musical passions, something we must support!!!
S.T.	Lakewood	I think our childrens' future will be tough when they get out in the work world. Please, at least give them a chance for a good education.
M.G.	Denver	
N.H.	Westminster	
P.B.	Golden	

D.R.	Colorado Springs	In Colorado Springs, Colorado the students have made excellent academic progress at all ability levels but now that the budget has to be so drastically cut, my concern is that every student's academic programs and the arts programs will be downgraded. We are trying to do as many fundraisers and get donations and grants to help our programs. We have such excellent teachers and staff members at all of our schools who take a personal interest in our children. The teachers and staff are worried about losing their jobs while trying to teach our kids. It is stressful. The kids are all pitching in with parents to help our schools. Volunteerism in the schools helps us save money in our district and make a difference in the education of all students. We have gone green to try and save also. We need your help to find ways to equally distribute the government funds to keep our schools open and productive. I want to see children get the modern skills to meet their needs in society and the work place some day. Just as our district went through our budget with a fine toothed comb I ask that the government do the same to prioritize the needs of the students. Visit our schools and see where the funding is positively going to work each day. I would also be concerned if the arts programs were affected buy the cuts. These programs bring success to all students no matter what their educational level is or family situation. These programs encourage students to want to come to school each day and they increase learning in math. Schools are more accountable than any other corporation I know. Thank you for your concern and support.
M.S. R.V. S.S.	Golden Denver Golden	
J.M.	Pueblo	Many of us who are nearing 60 have already lost our jobs. With thousands of teachers being cut, we have no chance of getting another job. I fear that I have already retired but without retirement. I am facing losing my home. I have given my life to educating our state's children and homelessness will be my reward. Thank you for ending my career early. I am very glad my children have finished high school, but they may not get to finish college.
D.B. A.M. K.C. K.W. C.M.	Westminster Golden Boulder Broomfield Placerville	My job status is not looking good for next year due to budget cuts. Our budget has proposed cuts similar to many other districts. What I'd like to add is a frustration about school funding. Over the years Colorado has dropped consistently in school funding as compared to other states. At the same time everyone has rolled up their sleeves and created a system that is admired around the country. We have done more with less allowing some people to believe that the funding wasn't really needed. But that can only go so far. A point will come when less will impact our educational system adversely and I believe these proposed cuts are the tipping point. I understand the complexities of our tax system as well as many and also understand that it will take a radical change to make a difference. It's time. CM Placerville, CO
A.C.	Grand Lake	Our tiny school district has had to reduce programs and is even considering closing a school and increasing class size to accomodate the extra students. Please fund education - these kids are our future.
L.C. M.T. M.R.	Tabernash Granby Denver	
R.H. C.W.	Denver Centennial	Special Educators are already strapped to the end. The Internation Baccalaurate program at Newton Middle School has been cut due to lack of funding! This equates to the loss of 9 teaching position, the end of our foreign language program, limitation for student interaction in technology, art and the performing arts! Not only these losses, but the loss of an identity for our community and a HUGE wasted of millions of dollars spent on training and implementation of this great program. Once we loss our IB status we will have to re-apply and begin from ground zero if we ever want to bring it back!
K.B. P.C.	Fraser Littleton	
R.B. S.S.	Denver Monument	

J.S.	Boulder	We are very concerned about arts and music classes and the adjunct staff who provide nurture and sanity to our curriculum. Morale has been down among the staff in general and our students are quite anxious about their futures. How much can we cut before our school is no longer an institution that can help create citizens and leaders for the next generation.
B.B.	Aurora	
C.B.	Arvada	
C.T.	Denver	
J.S.	Denver	
D.R.	Loveland	We were one of the first schools in our district to implement a strong Response To Intervention process, complete with complete staff support of interventions. We currently have intervention support at every grade level for literacy, several for math, as well as having a staff member coordinate the process and monitor students. We will be losing all of these next year, due to cuts, as well as increasing class size, which will be counterproductive. We also will be losing 4 of our outstanding new staff members, which will affect our building, and our profession. Additionally, all staff members will not have raises, but instead will actually see \$\$\$ reductions, due to insurance increases, and furlough possibilities. As a veteran teacher approaching retirement, I have not had a raise in 3 years, and my PERA will be based on that. Education has been my passion, and I have loved every minute being a teacher, but my own family and life have often taken a back seat to my job. At this point it feels very unfair to be punished, rather than rewarded for my commitment to the profession.
A.V.	Fort Collins	
A.C.	Denver	
B.M.	Durango	
J.O.	Denver	
T.H.	Littleton	
V.T.	Lakewood	
Y.S.	Boulder	
T.S.	Lakewood	As a parent of two elementary students, I am happy to do my part in supporting my children's education - through fees, volunteering, helping my kids and school. But we also need Colorado to help for the long run. Education has always been how our country has stayed ahead in global competition. In today's world, that is even more critical. A broad education including music, art and gym are essential in getting our children to reach their full potential. If these cuts degrade that education, more of us parents will be forced to consider private institutions.
C.D.	Lakewood	
C.F.	Golden	
C.G.	Lakewood	
D.H.	Denver	
L.R.	Littleton	
J.H.	Steamboat Springs	Budget cuts are causing a great reduction of teachers this year. There are multiple possible effects including larger class sizes.
D.H.	Golden	
E.U.	Denver	
E.H.	Denver	
J.C.	Golden	
J.H.	Centennial	Class sizes will increase and cuts in technology expenditures will occur. Students in our district face larger class sizes, libraries without librarians, as well as cuts to the arts. Please stop the cuts in education funding!
M.L.	Denver	I am a retired DPS teacher, but have done hourly work administering the CO English Language Assessments (CELA) in elementary schools in the Denver Metro Area. I am impressed by the schools and how hard the teachers work particularly those who must work with students whose first language is not English. The K-2 students particularly need smaller classes to expedite their learning of English. There is nothing wrong with the kids ability to learn. My experience is they are well-mannered, eager to learn, excited by school and other positive observations. When I see the drop- out rates, discipline problems, and other failures in the higher grades, I am convinced many of those problems could be avoided by more concentration of gaining skills in the early grades through smaller classes. Pay now or pay more later !
L.R.	Wheat Ridge	

S.B. S.P. T.L.	Centennial Granby Granby	I am tired of our state and nation complaining that Japan, China and other nations are ahead of us as far "producing" better students. Let's start to put education first. It is time we spend money for our schools! National sports figures make a disgusting amount of money compared to what teachers get paid or what we as a state spend for education. It is time to make our schools better by putting our money where it is the most important and that is in our children.
K.N. L.L. M.M. P.E.	Granby Monument Morrison Centennial	I just found out that the foreign language, French, is being phased out at the high school my daughter will attend next year. Several years ago, the same thing happened to German, with my son. Now the only two foreign languages being offered are Spanish and Chinese. And this is how we are preparing our children for a more global future? Class sizes have sky rocketed and now our schools are being forced to cut back on their literacy programs. And during all this time, I hear on the news that our immediate needs are changing the interchange on I-25 where Santa Fe merges in. Any money available needs to go to our schools. It is also totally embarrassing that Colorado ranks next to the bottom of our 50 states in school funding. Is this the legacy we want to leave our children. We need more funding to go to schools now, even if it means raising taxes and cutting back in other areas.
B.I. C.K. L.C. M.A. R.S.	Aurora Golden Granby Arvada Lone Tree	
S.S.	Denver	I work in a school that is looking at 35 students per classroom in 6th grade next year. Our school counseling department has been cut. We are facing overcrowding and increased expectations from our community. The pressure put on teachers and staff who feel undervalued and overwhelmed by the demands is reaching an alarming level. We are truly in crisis as a state and as a nation when we are not even able to fund our schools so that our children can get the education that is a supposed basic right in our country.
J.R.	Denver	Less classroom materials, higher class supplies, older run down buildings, limited new technology.
J.G. J.A.	Golden Golden	
K.E. K.E.	Arvada Lakewood	
T.R.	Colorado Springs	My daughter developed a love for playing the french horn. She excelled at it. Her goal was to get a scholarship for playing the horn. The music teacher was laid off and the extra load was given to an existing teacher. The band program is now available only one period a day during which my daughter has an advanced literature class. Now she is unable to pursue her goals for her scholarship. She is a hard worker both academically and in the arts and deserves the chance to better herself.
J.G.	Colorado Springs	
J.H.	Littleton	
K.S.	Fraser	
L.A. B.C.	Golden Northglenn	My grandkids deserve the best education they can get and making cuts on teachers and educational dollars is what I consider a crime.
R.B. S.H.	Monument Denver	
s.s. M.G.	Gunnison Centennial	One of our high schools eliminated the French program for next year. The teacher retired and due to teacher cuts they are not replacing her.

L.L.	Colorado Springs	Our school, doesn't even have a Technology Teacher. They go to the computer lab, with their classroom teacher, once a week, and only do one type of game. Technology is in their future, and my daughter did more computer class in Kindergarten than she has done in first grade, but because of the cuts, they couldn't hire a new technology teacher this year. They also rotate art, music, and PE, and only have one of those each day. The mill levy's the district tries to pass every year, keep getting turned down, so this district is losing money left and right.
A.L. J.J. R.S.	Denver Craig Aurora	
G.W.	Monument	Our students/teacher are going to have to deal with larger class sizes, less or no additional help for students who are below grade level, cut of exploratory classes which is what makes a whole child!!! Teacher pay cuts--which leads to losing great teachers. Teachers already do not make enough money when teaching our future(the students). Reduced and cut sports.
B.F. C.K. C.A.	Arvada Golden Boulder	
D.G. J.B. M.P.	Denver Crested Butte Littleton	Reductions in teachers, academic and athletic programs. Teacher lay offs/increased class sizes.
T.S.	Englewood/Unincorporated Arap	We are concerned in our district that we will have much larger classes in an area where kids already are behind the curve and will be greatly hurt by larger classes.
J.G.	Lakewood	We have to make education at all levels a PRIORITY in this state. It is a shame that Colorado is so low on the list for educational funding. Now, with the current budget crisis, Colorado schools and students are suffering and will suffer even more. This has to stop! There is NO future without education.
J.M.	Louisville	We spent one year in Northern Virginia before moving back to Colorado --- my daughter started full-year Kindergarten there -- with 17 kids in her class, a full-time teacher and a full-time assistant. Now, my younger kids will start Kindergarten in Colorado next year -- for 1/2 day (less than 3 hours), and probably 25 kids in their class, with one teacher! It is alarming how little funding Colorado gives their schools --- these kids are our future! They are being left behind.
A.D. A.F. B.H. R.H.	Denver Longmont Arvada Denver	
S.C. S.B. S.W. T.M. T.T. V.M.	Centennial Boulder Frederick Boulder Golden Colorado Springs	
Y.G.	Lakewood	
D.A.	Evergreen	As a family with an architect and musician, we highly value Art and Music in the schools and know we have to provide Foreign Language and Gym to our kids if we want them to be healthy and competitive in this world. Either put the money in schools or put it into prisons. You decide.
K.D. D.G.	Norwood Rocky Ford	Considering a 4 day school week. I am very against this.
E.H. H.F. J.W. J.R.	Denver Golden Englewood Lakewood	

C.B.	Lafayette	I am not only concerned with public schools in the district - but CSU/Ft. Collins as well. There MUST be better ways and means to save money besides cutting these education funds! Freeze/cut the legislator's salaries for pete's sake! But SOMETHING other than education cuts!
L.O.	Littleton	
M.W.	Denver	
M.C.	Fort Collins	I'm an out of state student at CSU and the idea of rates going up is scary. I'm having enough trouble paying for school as it is. I have a friend who may not be able to stay at school out here because of the cost.
K.P.	Grand Junction	
K.O.	Arvada	
G.B.	Aurora	Last year, we lost one of the best and most respected teachers at our high school. He taught AP english courses, and was a Harvard graduate. This year, 6 senior English courses were cut to shove as many students into one classroom as possible to save money. I am wondering if students aren't being looked at as contributions for a more intellegent society and rather than as an obligation to it.
T.G.	Golden	My son who has ADHD, will be placed in a connected temporary classroom (until they can be taken down) with 31 other kids on one side, and another 30-32 on the other side. The class sizes are getting out of control and the kids who need special help are getting further behind. We are doing our children a TERRIBLE disservice.
K.W.	Morrison	
P.D.	Parker	
R.M.	NewYork/Lake wood	
L.B.	Centennial	Our school will lose almost two full-time teachers (equivalents) with the budget cuts already made for the 2010-2011 school year. This is in addition to the cuts made that took effect for this school year.
B.B.	Golden	
C.J.	Golden	
H.S.	Fraser	
D.W.	Tabernash	Surely our kids are the future of our nations. Please make funding for their education your highest priority. Please help our kids learn to make our nation strong!
M.C.	Denver	We are building jails and making education unatainable THAT"S IS A RECIPE FOR FALURE!!!
A.D.	Boulder	We've decided to move our kids from private to public school because we want to support the state public school system. If we experience a drastic reduction in services, it will be a failed experience. We hope its a very positive one.
A.S.	Denver	
S.S.	Denver	
S.M.	Crested Butte	
T.C.	Denver	
V.C.	Boulder	
K.L.	Denver	Arts classes are now requireing money from students to pay for materials.
K.D.	Golden	Class sizes have grown considerably, making it more difficult to cover the materials and give enough individual attention to the students.
M.T.	Hot Sulphur Springs	
N.Z.	Dolores	
P.L.	Denver	
M.S.	Littleton	I am more concerned about what is happening in higher education. I feel it is a crime that Colorado schools rank at the bottom of our nation for school funding. It is also a shame to expect our young people to be up to their ears in debt because tuition costs keep rising What is going to happen to our nation and society when so many cannot afford higher education?
C.C.	Granby	
D.B.	Creede	
E.E.	Denver	

M.L.	Denver	I work for a non-profit that provides after school programs to the neediest students in Adams #1 Mapleton and Adams #50 Westminster Districts. Adams #1 serves extremely low-income, high risk urban students and their families and asked for a mill-levy to raise funds. The community voted down the mill-levy thus Adams #1 district forced teachers and students to take an entire week off at the winter break because of funding problems. How can we all raise CSAP proficiency, literacy and math if the district has to mandate closures?
M.G.	Centennial	loss of programs, teachers, sports
K.I.	Golden	
L.J.	Fraser	
M.M.	Denver	
L.C.	Boulder	My son loses focus in larger groups, but thrives in smaller classrooms. Please don't make our class sizes any larger. Investment in our children is an investment in the future of our country. It is a foolish place to cut.
E.F.	Colorado Springs	
I.N.	Englewood	
J.C.	Cortez	
J.H.	Greenwood Village	
M.B.	Monument	Our students HAVE been impacted...larger class sizes, closing of a school, going from K-5 to k-6 with junior high school, FEES, FEES and more FEES, reduction of art, music and most importantly, PE. Possible loss of bus service, out-sourcing of food service. The biggest impact to my family, with two working parents, is the loss of the YMCA before and after school program and instead having it run by school teachers who are already poorly paid, but yet, costing me MORE money for a service that I can't live without. . . .
J.L.	Littleton	Our Superintendent, Cindy Stevenson, is doing an outstanding job. But we need much more funding for education. We must not lay off teachers, must not increase class size, must not cut subject offerings, and must not close neighborhood schools. In 1958 I purchased a home for \$14,000. That house now sells for \$225,000, which is 16 times its original cost. In 1958, my property taxes were \$800 per year. (\$800 was 5.7% of the purchase price.) My taxes on that house are now only \$1200, or three times what they were in 1958. If I were to pay 5.7% of \$225, 000, I would be paying \$12,825 in property taxes. Education is not immune from inflation. So lets compromise. Let us raise property taxes to ten times what we paid in 1958. In this situation, I would only be paying \$8000 per year, which is less than 3.6% of its present value. Don't tell me we can't afford it . Most of my neighbors buy a new car every three years, yet they do not care enough about the future of our children or our nation to pay the price for education. Home ownership includes being responsible. FREEDOM INCLUDES RESPONSIBILITY! Thanks for your efforts!
K.K.	Denver	
M.S.	Ellicott	
N.C.	Denver	
W.J.	Arvada	
C.H.	Fruita	
D.B.	Lakewood	
K.J.	Denver	Study after study indicates that for every dollar spent on educating our youth, we save thousands of dollars when they become self-supporting, responsible adults.
C.A.	Walden	
A.A.	Crestone	We are looking at drastic progam cuts so as to avoid letting go of staff.
J.M.	Granby	We're looking at having to cut GREAT teachers, larger classroom sizes, losing most special ed. teachers, cut activities and athletics!!! TOO MUCH!!!
A.S.	Cheraw	
B.M.	Colorado Springs	
C.D.	Fort Collins	
K.C.	Lakewood	
L.D.	Pueblo	
S.P.	Colorado Springs	

S.S. T.H. Y.F. D.C.	Monument Cortez Denver Fraser	As a private literacy consultant, I am in and out of schools and classrooms all over the state (and country). Teachers are attempting to carry the financial burden of the state and keep their classrooms afloat. In some places, teachers, barely making it themselves, heroically trying to stretch every single piece of paper. I see teachers buying books for their students out of their own pockets. I see teachers buying snacks for kids whose stomachs growl every morning. I see kids grabbing snacks from their teachers, hoarding them, knowing they need to make them last for a weekend without food. The money situation is scary for all of us. But, please, if the measure of a society is how we treat our children and elderly, are we doing our children and teachers a service by cutting education more?
J.C. K.M. P.D. R.K. G.G.	Fort Collins Denver Littleton Golden Denver	Cuts to teachers at Maxwell Elementary will result in larger school classes. Classes today are already overloaded. STOP trying to fix budget problems by stealing from our future (our childrens education).
L.F.	Tabernash	I am very concerned about budget cuts in the areas of vocational, music, art and sports. These classes are so very important for the overall success of the student in the academic classroom. A very high percentage of students do not go to college and they must have vocational career choices available to them
M.N. P.F. R.H. P.H.	Denver Boulder Aurora Parker	In DCSD we are going to lose a great deal of awesome teachers. There are no jobs out there for all of them. This is going to have a big effect on the economy in our area since our district is the largest employer in our county. The teachers in my school are trying to figure out how we can fit and handle more students in our classrooms. In my particular classroom, they will have to sit on each others laps. We are a high performing district, but I'm afraid that is going to change. Students are sensing the stress and taking on an "I don't care" attitude about their education. They feel our government doesn't care about their learning or futures in this state and country. With increased class size, more students are going to fall through the cracks. Many teachers can't afford a decrease in pay. They have spouses who are out of work or making less. Scary times. Education needs a bailout worse than the big car manufacturing companies!
K.E. B.d.	Lafayette Commerce City	Losing good teachers and programs.
C.H. D.B. S.E.	Golden Fraser Denver	Many of our graduate students are teachers trying to increase their knowledge to better their instruction with K12 students. With raising tuition, they will not be able to continue their higher educational studies and the domino effect will damage Colorado's children.
A.D. D.H. E.S. N.H.	Arvada Fraser Mancos Golden	Our children are already lacking in the education department due to lack of funding. We need to keep kids in school and with budget cuts, raising tuition, charging parents for kids to ride bus etc. We will see more and more kids dropping out at younger ages or people who are not equipped to teach their own children trying to save a dollar and we are going to end up screwing ourselves in the end. Enough is enough lets do what we can to help prevent this from happening..
L.S.	Highlands Ranch Golden	Our three children take the bus to school, and it will be a hardship for us if this is a fee-for-service!
A.J. J.M. J.M. J.E.	Englewood La Junta Fraser	The last place to cut budgets should be education. If we cheat our children, we cheat our future and theirs.
C.E.	Denver	We are trying to choice in our two daughters to any good Denver Public School. It seems like every school is capped out and cannot take anymore students. Schools cannot afford the teachers and are having to combine grades.

J.L.	Highlands Ranch	
K.K.	Golden	
S.S.	Winter Park	
S.A.	Clifton	
T.R.	Larkspur	
Y.M.	Castle Rock	
J.R.	Denver	A four day school week results in less education for our children, not to mention having larger classes and less qualified teachers. Not everyone can afford to send their children to a private school. What will happen to those kids who can't afford private school?
C.A.	Centennial	As a long term employee in Douglas County School District, which is at the bottom of the funding barrel, I have seen deep budget cuts that impact every department of my district. No longer is it possible to keep those cuts from impacting the quality of education that children receive.
C.K.	Highlands Ranch	Class size for my fourth grader will rise to 34 kids and 35+ for my seventh grader.
L.K.	Thornton	
M.C.	Granby	
M.A.	Peyton	
D.C.	Centennial	Community College enrollment increases averaged 20% for the 2009-2010 academic year. Yet, our budget continues to be cut. A commitment to higher education in the State of Colorado means doing more to educate our population with much less. There is a limit to what our current resources can do. Overcrowded classrooms, scant funds for professional development of faculty and staff, zero out-of-state travel for leadership opportunities -- none of these are positive for educating traditional students, nor for helping incumbent and unemployed workers upgrade their skills. We can no longer rely on the scenic attributes and activities available in Colorful Colorado to attract workers educated in other states to bolster our economy. Who would bring a child to this state to be educated?! What educator would want to be a part of the Colorado education system? We are an embarrassment to our Country!!!
C.A.	Centennial	
D.V.	Arvada	
D.J.	Crested Butte	
E.B.	Denver	
C.O.	Lakewood	I am part of an Education Foundation for Clear Creek schools in Evergreen and Idaho Springs. We have taken great hits already and are gearing up for another round of cuts to our budget. Enough already!!!The best way to ensure successful kids is to educate them!
T.B.	Denver	I think both Gallagher & Tabor need to be taken off the books. These amendments are an extreme detriment to the State of Colorado and it's future. It will take 10+ years for government entities in the state to get back to the point economically that they were prior to this so-called big recession.
M.F.	La Junta	
S.E.	Fraser	
S.M.	Fleming	
A.D.	Thornton	I'm an alternative high school teacher and work with students at-risk of dropping out of school. If we continue to cut services and programs for all students at all levels then we will be jeopardizing the future of our state. Students need extra-curricular activities, extended education programs, and special education services. The average student and gifted student require just as much attention and services as the special needs child. I work with 20 special needs and at-risk youth in an expelled program that keeps students in district and connected to their education. Continued slashing of budgets places my program and our district at further risk of losing funding. Finally, the state of Colorado already underfunds per child in classroom.
M.G.	Golden	Loss of teachers, reduced programs.
K.D.	Aurora	
L.H.	Denver	
L.P.	Fort Collins	
M.F.	Golden	
M.B.	Highlands Ranch	

R.C.	Superior	My freshman son for next year will have to take a full load of classes because they have taken away study hall due to not enough teachers. We would like for him to take study hall as he will be playing an athletic sport which takes up a lot of time and were hoping he could get more of his homework done, as his school work does come first.
K.B.	Golden	Old textbooks, crowded classrooms, stressed teacher
K.F.	Denver	
M.M.	Denver	
N.H.	Denver	
T.C.	Colorado Springs	
P.W.	Boulder	Our students will lose the smaller class sizes that benefit this lower income community. They will lose the opportunity to gain the knowledge of textbooks needed for our curriculum. Not only will textbooks be cut, but student workbooks as well. Our district will be unable to provide the paper needed for teachers to copy practice pages to provide to children. Teachers will not have their classroom budgets to purchase essential materials.
C.W.	Golden	Solving current economic issues by reducing the ability of our students to get a proper education and compete in the global job market is just not smart. I want my son to get a good education today so that he can contribute positively to the economy of the future.
H.S.	Westminster	
J.C.	Highlands Ranch	
K.S.	Littleton	The funding cuts for education in Colorado are terrible. Why is Colorado so low in the funding of our education? We need to increase educational funding, rather than decrease it.
K.S.	Denver	We are losing our funding for our Vice Principal, a teacher and a secretary. We already do not have enough funding for an Art Teacher. I don't know of any school near me growing up in MN that did not have an Art Teacher. This is cracy. Please help ... we can't have bake sales to raise money for teacher salaries ... it just won't work.
J.T.	Colorado Springs	We really do not know yet. It will be June before we know.
R.G.	Denver	Without art, music, foreign language and PE, many kids will not have an opportunity for cultural connection or exercise...
A.F.	Boulder	A Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) is at stake, because any additional programs, supplies, etc... will be on a fee basis - if even allowed to have them. Please examine funding procedures and policies. Look outside the state. Colorado, my home state for 5 generations now, is in great danger of failing its children!
B.W.	Aurora	
J.R.	Parker	
S.D.	Littleton	
S.W.	Denver	
S.M.	Dolores	
T.F.	Arvada	
T.M.	Denver	
W.H.	Ellicott	
R.M.	Monument	
B.D.	Denver	Bigger classes, no art and no PE is a HUGE MISTAKE. We may have to cut athletics and 14 teachers etc...etc....
C.C.	Denver	
J.V.	Loveland	
B.S.	Winter Park	
H.L.	Denver	
A.W.	Lakewood	I am one of many students in the state of Colorado who is suffering terribly from budget cuts and tuition hikes. If tuition and financial aid continue being cut, school will end up becoming private, a large percent of students will have to drop out of college. Colorado is the worst state in the country for higher ed funding. Please don't let higher ed or education in general be cut from the lives of the current and future students of Colorado.
C.W.	Denver	
C.Z.	Denver	
D.R.	Colorado Springs	

J.A.	Commerce City	Last year, we cut 20 teaching positions in our schools. With a \$5 million budget gap this year, we know every part of the district will be touched. We have many essential components in place to reform and improve education in our schools but we continually face challenges in funding our strategic initiatives. We need your help to make sure there is a long-term solution. Solving the budget this year and passing the school finance bill isn't enough-- we need to solve improving the Colorado tax structure to fully fund education and catch up with our neighboring states. So what's at stake? Everything that matters - high quality teachers in the classroom, smaller class sizes, parent involvement initiatives, birth to 3 education programs, after school programs, high cost electives (music, arts, CTE), and more.
A.R.	Pueblo	My college may become a private school. I know there are going to be thousands of students who will not be able to afford a private school. . . and without higher education this country is going to go down hill. We need more funding for school. This is where our leaders are raised.
H.B. J.G. J.A. A.D.	Boulder Lakewood Centennial Granby	Our students will be subjected to higher class numbers, less resources in classrooms as well as technology resources. With less technology resources and higher classroom sizes our students will fall behind and not be able to keep up with the demand in technology for the future. Our teachers will be under greater pressure with additional students, and yet have less to work with to teach them, but be expected to perform at high levels as if nothing is different.
K.S. L.H. M.P. K.W.	Westminster Denver Boulder Fraser	We are being told that next year's budget shortfalls will result in more students per class, fewer teachers and support staff, a decrease in spending for textbooks and technology, and cuts in athletics. All of these are important for competent, successful, and competitive members of our community and the global world we now live in!
J.F.	Walden	We have struggled with budget cuts in the past, but what is happening in Colorado now is tragic. We seem to think our schools are broken, but to gut them with more cuts makes it look like we are in for much worse.
A.M.	Denver	
N.M.	Arvada	
P.S. S.B. T.W. T.F. C.G. A.S.	Steamboat Springs Granby Lakewood Golden Littleton Granby	Combining different grades into one class. I'm a teacher in EGSD. We have worked tirelessly in our community on numerous volunteer committees to try and mitigate against these cuts and no matter how much we fundraise, creatively restructure, and/or maximize the viability of our schools and resources, our children are still losing valuable resources, programs, and professionals. Borrowing a reference from Dr. King in his "I Have a Dream" speech: "And so we've come here today to dramatize the shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's [state's] capital to cash a check. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America [COLORADO] has given the Negro people [OUR CHILDREN] a bad check; a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe the bank of justice is bankrupt!" Wake up lawmakers and serve your respective constituencies as you have honorably promised! BACK EDUCATION IN OUR STATE!
C.Z. L.P. M.L. M.S. C.H.	Thornton Kremmling Vail Denver Centennial	Now more than ever, schools need to offer students a complete curriculum including PE, music, art, English, science, math, and history. We cannot continue to fall behind while other countries are surging ahead.
E.P.	Denver	
J.H.	Colorado Springs	

K.S. T.S.	Monument Louisville	The fact that CO ranks 49th in per student funding is an embarrassment to this otherwise great state. While current economic realities and past legislation reduce the option to increase the tax rate, I urge lawmakers to consider long term solutions to this untenable situation. To not address this situation will ultimately result in erosion of the public education system when those who are fiscally able desert it for private education options.
B.C.	Frederick	
R.B. R.V. S.J. S.G.	Colorado Springs Boulder Lakewood Arvada	
D.P.	Hot Sulphur Springs	With the reductions in per pupil funding every child in Colorado will be negatively impacted. Colorado needs to reprioritize utilization of resources. Instead of investing in green space with our lottery funds we should be investing in our children. It is time to create a balance. Our children should be first in line for our state resources not last and definitely not behind parks and playgrounds. Available financial resource streams need to be looked at and considered to fund our future. Without educated children and young adults to direct our future, we're headed to a socialist system in which parks will have little value. I'm tired of seeing our children suffer because of greed and selfishness in our society. Sometimes being a government leader means leading people and preventing harm. This is what should be done here. DO NOT place our children at further risk. Our country was founded on hard work and vision. Take the steps of our forefathers; work hard to see that our children are placed first; they are the future and we need to vision their success in leading a sound government and economy in the future.
B.L. S.N. V.T. M.T.	Centennial Lakewood Littleton Littleton	Be creative to fund our schools. Any way to get our professional sports groups to pay .25 cents per ticket sold. They are making millions why can't they support education.
K.R.	Winter Park	Classroom size has gotten too large. Services are being cut, and we are letting experienced teachers go in order to hire new teachers that cost less. Important activities and programs like sports and the arts are also being cut.
M.S.	Arvada	Higher class sizes have affected our schools here in Jeffco, with even higher class sizes slated for upcoming years. Para Professionals have also been cut down. Improvements to school buildings and technology have been reduced to just bare bone needs.
M.C.	Palmer Lake	I see lawmakers making decisions based on what is right in front of them at the time. Education is a completely different issue - we don't see the damage until the students who are 3rd graders now are graduating seniors who are not prepared to enter the workforce and take care of all of us old people. I know it's a cliché, but children are our future. How can we possibly NOT make it our highest priority?
J.N.	Littleton	Instead of cutting funding for education, let's PAUSE CSAP for 5 years and see how much money we save. We have plenty of benchmarks in place that will validate the quality of our children's education. These budget cuts will cripple our education system.
J.E. J.F.	Fraser Grand Junction	
J.W. J.M.	Ridgway Golden	My children attend Bell Middle School and Welchester Elementary-it is my understanding we will lose teachers, class sizes will increase, PARA time will be cut. Our wonderful 1/2 time Library Media Specialist is being forced out and we will have another Library Media Specialist come in still at 1/2 time. I realize that there is not a lot of funding but educating our children is our future and when you cut education you are taking away from our future Thank you
Q.D. M.M.	Carbondale Parker	My wife is a teacher, her income is vital to our home. Please take every consideration into account involving these cuts. People's lives will be affected!!
C.M.	Winter Park	
C.B. L.I.	Denver Denver	

V.S.	Monument	Our school district has already cut our budget each year for the last several years. There is no more fat to cut. Teachers are being shared between schools, with no breaks, even for lunch. Our school board is talking about eliminating busing. Reading intervention has been drastically reduced and class sizes have gone up and may go up more. These cuts are affecting all children, but especially low income children, who already have so much to overcome to get a good education. Spend our money on education now so we don't have to spend it on law enforcement and drug rehabilitation later!
G.C.	Keenesburg	Several elective programs and several teacher layoffs.
B.R.	Denver	
M.M. S.L.	Denver Hot Sulphur Springs	
S.W.	Golden	There is talk that the girls swimming and diving program will be completely cut out in Jefferson County. Boys swimming and girls gymnastics were cut from our high school a few years ago. School sports are so important for developing self esteem, managing stress and they help to keep kids healthy and focused on positive activities. Sometimes it is a school sport that motivates a student to study and stay in school. The same is true for other school clubs (music, drama, etc.) These might seem like "extras" but cutting them out could have serious consequences on graduation rates and children's physical and emotional health.
E.M. G.B. J.C.	Denver Centennial Littleton	
K.H.	Lakewood	
K.S.	Parker	We have lost so many great teachers. Our vibrant elementary music program and teacher are gone... 200 students and a great teacher gone.. This is an atrocity. Fund schools now. Our state, economy, home values and most importantly kids deserve it!
M.W. P.C. V.Z.	Denver Denver Littleton	While our district is not among the hardest hit, our school has already felt the cuts and will continue to feel the effects of the upcoming ones. We have been impacted by transportation cuts which have changed our school times by an hour causing financial hardship on families to find before-school care while still paying for after-school care. We are already seeing 30-32 children in our classrooms in the 5th grade and 25-27 in kindergarten. We have already moved our 6th grade to middle school and are still losing a temp building. Again, we are fortunate in many ways, but we could see even more impact in the classroom. That is going to directly impact the quality of education our children will receive.
A.M. B.M. S.A. T.L. W.C. K.S.	Littleton Fort Collins Denver Walden Denver Golden	As class sizes increase it is very hard for teachers to maintain a higher level of addressing individual students' needs. This affects long term educational goals for all of us. Also, how can we not have the arts in our schools? How are some families ever to have exposure to these things? This benefits all of us as a society.
D.S. K.T. L.A.	Monument Norwood Golden	
A.F.	Henderson	Budget cuts will cause teachers and schools to be less effective. We have been doing more with less for years and enough is enough! If we want kids to preform and learn to their highest potential, then we need to fund schools to our highest potential. It is time to put our money where our mouth is!
M.W. R.M. S.B.	Boulder Walden Denver	
J.G.	Louisville	Colorado grossly underfunds education and it is time we begin to correct.

T.M.	Tabernash	Education should be our TOP priority in this country. Our children are our future. Colorado is already near the bottom of the list. It's known as a state that doesn't support education. We shouldn't let that continue! Children in our schools deserve the right to thrive and learn in order to be competitive when they grow up. As a constant volunteer in the schools, I have seen the unmet needs for teachers, supplies, tools, and instruments. We cannot let this situation continue--much less make it worse. We should not have larger classes or less teachers.
C.M.	Lewis	Gone to 4 day school weeks. Recent education review reported this as a weakness in graduation rates.
L.G. S.S.	Denver Colorado Springs	
S.L. H.R.	Tabernash Denver	How do you think all children will be affected? It's pretty obvious, and it's making people furious that corporations are getting billions of dollars to give away, but America's future is being downsized and lessened. Does America have a future any more?
M.M.	Golden	I cannot understand why a western state with high tourist dollars and natural resources funds education less than deeply impoverished southern states. What a shame! The anti-tax rhetoric often grounded in ahistorical, spurious historical claims (i.e. founding fathers did not believe in taxes) has brought Colorado to a crossroads. You as legislators have the difficult, painful decision. Push the state once and for all to the bottom of the national education funding list. Or begin the long process of an overhaul (possibly constitutional amendment to oust TABOR) of education spending in Colorado. Thank you.
J.L.	Lakewood	I moved to Colorado 20 years ago for the quality of life. The quality of life is in jeopardy now in part because of the complete lack of support for education (K-higher education). We will not be able to keep business here or attract new industry without quality public education. This is a crisis that urgently needs to be addressed.
J.N. J.L.	New Raymer Golden	
J.B. K.F.	Crested Butte Greenwood Village	
M.G.	Denver	I would love it if parents at our school were not responsible to raise \$98,000 in order to have basic education at our school. Why are parents responsible to get money for PE, a librarian, para's, and art? Aren't these basic classes that every child should have? It's very difficult for parents to help save money toward college when we are EXPECTED to give money for basic elementary education. And if we don't give money, our children won't have gym, art, etc. I feel like our public schools are failing us and our children when they do not provide BASIC EDUCATION. How do schools who se parents aren't able to raise money operate? Unfortunately, they don't. The students scores are below average and these kids don't have much of a chance to go on to college. We are one of the wealthiest countries in the world...how can we do this to our children and future? There needs to be a re-prioritization of where our money is going!!
S.E.	Boone	It is cheaper for students to go to college in a neighboring state than in the state of Colorado.
C.M.	Manitou Springs	
J.G. J.J. K.C. M.S.	Monument Arvada Meeker Fraser	Larger class sizes provide less individual attention which can be detrimental for the many kids that have a problem learning in a "lecture" style environment. Greatly reduced numbers of special ed paras further pull teacher time away from the general class.
J.O.	Greeley	Larger classes, less teachers and specialists. Lunch time at high school is being cut to create extra days--which creates safety issues in our area--seems like adding additional days could serve the same purpose and keep kids safe; possibly no Art, PE, Music classes; less health services; increased costs for bus, sports, parking etc. And yet we continue to think that kids will graduate and be prepared for college--and that test scores will continue to rise?? Odd??
M.A.	Broomfield	
N.G. N.R. N.N.	Denver Boulder Monument	

B.D.	Monument	My children's school was the first tree to fall in the forest of tremendous budget cuts to come in our district...we were already facing some 3.5 million worth of cuts when we got more bad news a few weeks ago that there will be even more cuts that will need to be made, some of them before the end of this year! How much deeper can we go? Thinking about losing any one of our passionate and dedicated teachers is hard to rationalize. My daughter has 28 kids in her class this year! What will happen if teachers are cut? Bus service? Food service? Art, Music and even the general classroom will suffer irreparable harm! Our teachers already spring for many of their supplies and books used in the classroom...OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS!. The expenses are growing and the funds are shrinking....our beloved and dedicated teachers are already on the lower end of the pay scale for teachers in our state...if they have to let go, freeze or cut their pay, many may have no choice but to leave the district, LET ALONE THE FIELD OF TEACHING ALTOGETHER! These are real people who really want to make the difference in our children's lives. You have to believe we all KNOW how tough things are out there right now....the effects of the downturn in the economy are being felt across the board...but if education falls by the wayside, where will that lead us? Please, please think about the long-term consequences of your actions.
L.B. M.M. S.P. J.J.	Centennial Centennial Boulder Denver	My daughter is entering kindergarten in the fall. I am disheartened to hear of all the budget cuts her new school is having to make. The latest cut has eliminated the assistant principle. This is ridiculous. We need to find ways to increase the public school budgets.
C.L.	Aurora	My ELL learners will not be able to compete academically with other students if these cuts are made.
D.P.	Aurora	
D.S. E.C. E.M. G.F.	Monument Boulder Denver Denver	
S.L.	Longmont	Our class sizes are getting bigger in all grades, beginning with kindergarten. The larger class size prevents teachers from giving individual attention to the students. So many students are no longer getting their needs met - kids on both ends of the achievement spectrum are being ignored so the "masses" can be taught. We are no longer able to support high achieving students - they are forced to listen to lessons on material they already know and complete assignments that are not challenging.
L.S.	Loveland	Our district will increase class size, minimize professional development, textbooks, substitutes, instructional supplies and compromise the quality education we have been able to deliver. Increasing class size means cutting teachers, support staff and administrators. How will this improve our economy?
S.S. T.M.	Parker Lakewood	
T.O. S.S.	Lakewood Centennial	Our school district closed two schools this year. The remaining schools are losing staff and scrimping for every penny. Our children, our state and our country as a whole are paying for this. I don't understand why education is not a top priority for Colorado.
J.T.	Denver	PE has been cut back to once a week, that is unacceptable! Kids need PE. The class sizes are rediculously large with one teacher. Is that fair to the kids or teachers? The options to take classes at Metro State are almost impossible, whereas before, a full time parent and worker could take classes.
D.C.	Lakewood	
H.N. H.D. J.M. E.D.	Aurora Boulder Arvada Palisade	School scene is dismal. In most families, both sets of parents work, so children are being raised in daycare. Parenting is suffering. Because of the lack of parenting in our society and the lack of experienced teachers and the No Child Left Behind act, I plan to home school.

B.S.	Ridgway	The budget cuts mean bigger class sizes due to fewer teachers, which likely means a lower level of personal attention individual students receive. It also means a lower quality and quantity of services, such as transport, sports, meals and counseling. Thanks for standing up and mimizing these cuts to our state's most important resource - our kids' education.
C.F. D.M.	Denver Centennial	
D.M. D.P.	Denver Greeley	These funding cuts and increases in tuition will have a profound effect on our students of color, once again pricing them out of a college education. We will see even more marginalization of our society as public education at the university level will become elitist. We are all diminished with the widening gap between those who will be able to access a university education and those who will not have the resources.
A.A. B.D.	Aurora Colorado Springs	
B.N. S.T.	Boulder Castle Rock	We (luckily!!!!) send our children to a Charter School. Public as it may be - we are only provided the "per pupil" amount from the District. LUCKILY - we have been preparing for years for a situation like this with savings that we can dip into! However, we can't last more than a couple years and our savings will run out! The cuts in the traditional public schools are driving children into the Charter Schools - and we cannot handle that growth on a limited budget. My husband and I work our fingers to the bone to put enough savings in the bank to provide private education to our children if we need to in the future. So we have to work more - spend less time with out children - in case (and for when) the public education in this state gets so bad that we MUST send our children to private school so that they may be ANYTHING they want "when they grow up."
A.K. B.L. C.G.	Granby Arvada Denver	
W.F.	Golden	We are already being affected by larger class sizes. We are losing good teachers and a principal recently because they see that education is not prioritized in our state. I hope we can do better... and I pledge that I will be a part of the solution and help work to find the funding to improve our schools.
A.B. C.C. S.L.	Fort Collins Littleton Rocky Ford	We have managed to have a successful full day Kindergarten for over 25 years. Our scores recorded to CDE's Reading First Program, reflect the success of our primary school. We are 8 to 10 % above the other cohorts still following the initiate. We are now looking to cut at our primary school and consider 1/2 day Kindergarten. We need government to recognize the impact of full day Kindergarten. When the government enacted NCLB, they did not back it with funding for full day Kindergarten. You want us to build bricks with no straw. The primary grades are our foundation to education, we need to be funded to keep class size down for this age group (K-3). We are facing cuts that will crumble our foundation if we are not funded.
S.S.	Dolores	We need to keep class size down and school efficiency up. We are already extremely low on per student expenditures and more cuts only make that problem worse.
A.H. K.H.	Boulder Thornton	
L.M.	Littleton	
W.B. S.W.	Lakewood Westminster	At my child's school, two teachers have lost their jobs and class size for next year will be in the 30's. This is too much for one teacher to teach properly. My daughter is in the top of her class and I fear that with a teacher spending so much time on children who need additional attention, she will be left behind.
J.R.	Lakewood	Class sizes are expected to increase greatly. Even with the best teachers, students won't be able to get the instruction they need.
M.D.	Agate	
M.H. P.R.	Golden Lakewood	

P.S. K.R.	Frederick Highlands Ranch	Douglas County is facing an approx. \$41 million dollar cut to the budget for 2010 - 2011 school year which when you add up the last 4 years...is a amazing \$99 million cuts we have had to make. While we as adults may be frustrated...our children are the ones that have to face the consequences in the classrooms! No more cuts to education!!!!
G.M.	Golden	Everyone knows and says the children are our future. It is obvious that we need to save them from a bleak future. Please do the right thing.
M.S.	Colorado Springs	
M.P. M.W. M.R. G.Z.	Golden Boulder Denver Denver	I am a teacher at Harrington Elementary. We have the best staff in the district-brilliant, well-trained, dedicated and extremely hard working. We work in a hard to serve school. The school's enrollment is -500. WE have high obesity and 98% free lunch. We have not had any PE for 2 years now. If we lost a teacher we would compromise our kids. Can you believe that this is happening here in Denver? It's pitiful.
S.P. s.M. S.D.	Littleton Boulder Arvada	
S.H.	Monument	I have a 6 year old that just started full day Kindergarten this year. I have a 3 1/2 year old that will be starting in a couple of years. As of now, they will not be receiving the same education that kids about to graduate will. These budget cuts are taking away the whole experience of school. Why is it that Colorado is at the bottom of funding for schools? Do we not care about our kids and how they will succeed in life? That is pretty much what we're telling them....we don't care about you. That IS what we're telling them. We complain about our kids being behind the rest of the world. Well, we only have ourselves to blame. PLEASE STOP the budget cuts. We simply can't afford it ANYMORE.
M.L. R.B. R.H. L.H.	Englewood Fort Collins Loveland Highlands Ranch	I work with Gifted and Talented students at Willow Creek Elementary. We have received the National Blue Ribbon Award twice in the past 13 years. I am deeply concerned by the potential impact of funding cuts to our school's exceptional programs. We ARE making a difference for kids. Please don't take that away! Programs for Gifted students are as necessary as those at the opposite end of the spectrum. These students are our future leaders.
J.F.	Colorado Springs	Increased class size, reductions in special education staff, general education staff, elimination of enrichment, summer school, and band and athletic programs, teachers and support staff that it is impossible to give any individual attention that every student needs.
J.L.	Lakewood	Large classes getting larger; fewer office staff; low morale among teachers and it is getting lower.
J.F. S.Y.	Lakewood Yampa	
S.B. C.W.	Denver Monument	My 7th grade daughter is facing being moved to a reconfigured school for 8th grade, and then another, reconfigured school (turning a new high school into a junior high) for 9th and then ANOTHER school for 10th, all because of the way this district (Lewis Palmer 38) is dealing with the budget challenge. Four schools in four years? That is too much even for my accelerated, straight A student - think how the instability will affect those who are not top students. An entire generation's future is at stake here.
R.W.	Arvada	My little brother is having trouble getting into a good middle school and my college is cutting its budget in half.
K.S.	Canon City	
K.N.	Denver	
L.G.	Littleton	

A.R.	Boulder	My students and my school will be affected because more cuts equals less teachers and less teachers equals a larger class size. We are already OVERLOADED with students (between 28-34 students per class) HOW MANY MORE STUDENTS ARE YOU GOING TO SHOVE INTO A CLASSROOM!! THERE'S NO ROOM!!! TEACHING SUFFERS, STUDENTS SUFFER!!! This is absurd! When is education going to be a priority? Making cuts to education is the LAST thing that should be done, and quite frankly it should NEVER even be an option. Teachers already deal with insufficient resources and try their best to make do with what they have. They bend over backwards to do everything in their power to help students. Education is not a business and students are not commodities. It's no wonder that the attrition rate for new teachers is 3-5 years. This country is so worried about increasing graduation rates and out performing other countries, but we do NOTHING about making things better, it's always about making cuts. I am pissed off and seriously thinking about getting out of the profession! Get someone who has actually been in the classroom, that understands how things work. Most lawmakers have NO CLUE, and they're making the decisions and laws?!! Ridiculous!!
S.K.	Littleton	
T.C.	Pueblo West	
T.P.	Denver	
F.A.	Montrose	Our class sizes will become much bigger; our school libraries may not be staffed full time; and our programs will be cut!
K.H.	Fraser	Our district is looking at cutting \$2 M out of a \$10 M budget over the next 2 years. Our district serves 1400 kids and 6 schools. In the past 2 years we have let go of 25 staff out of 110 total. Given the restrictions of Gallagher, Tabor, the School Equilization Act, our district is being forced to look for significant private funding sources in order to provide the basics. We already are one of the lowest ranking states in terms of per pupil funding which impacts the quality of education. How much further do we plan to sink? Do we expect people to relocate to Colorado for work when are schools are so poorly funded? The New Energy Economy depends on educated employees and entrepreneurs. Please fix this problem.
K.S.	Fort Lupton	
K.A.	Littleton	
R.B.	Monument	
R.F.	Denver	
J.P.	Greenwood Village	Our son attends Newton Middle School. After spending 2mm to secure the IB program, Newton is being forced to drop the program. There is so much discussion about helping our children be competitive, yet we are destroying our schools and wasting valuable resources.
J.S.	Lakewood	Please, please do not cut the school budget anymore. Our family would MUCH rather pay for good schools. Enough is enough!
C.E.	Palmer Lake	The 2 middle schools in our district have long ranked in the top 5 in the state. They are now being torn apart, recombined (under great protest) and reconfigured. I expect everything from test scores to graduation rates to drop in the next 5 years
A.E.	Greeley	
B.M.	Golden	
B.B.	Fort Collins	
C.R.	Golden	
M.L.	Littleton	There are already over 25-30 students in each classroom as a result of last year's surrounding school closings. We took on those extra students. Now there are more proposed cuts which will reduce teacher headcount, parapro headcount and specials headcount (phys ed, music and art). Our children in Colorado are already struggling. Look at the national polls in EVERY category (math, science, reading and math). How will our children be our future leaders if they aren't getting the instruction needed today to become strategic thinkers. I volunteer in my kids' classrooms. My daughter's 2nd grade math teacher works with 5 kids at a time. The other children must spend the time reading while she works 1x1 with that specific group. Reading is great, but during math class, our children should be doing math. Our school already has no resources for students to learn science or social studies. We do not have the funds to include Spanish in our curriculum. Our children are falling behind terribly. Parents must work with them considerably after school to keep them near the performance of their peers on the east coast.
D.R.	Winter Park	
E.F.		

F.H. G.B.	Centennial Centennial	
J.K.	Aurora	Too many students in the special ed classes makes it hard to meet needs. We were reduced from 3 to 2 special ed teachers last year and now can not meet the needs of the students.
C.Y. D.W.	Arvada Boulder	
D.O. N.T.	Boulder Boulder	We have been informed that there will be fewer teachers hired for the 2010-2011 school year and that schools will be asked to choose between having a Media Specialist or an IT Specialist.
K.E.	Parker	We will diminish our capacity to truly educate ALL children when we are forced to increase class sizes beyond 30. And we expect even more cuts the following year. Really, these children are the future of our state and country!
A.B. A.W. A.B. C.P. D.B.	Boulder Lakewood Denver Littleton Westminster	
H.P. J.S.	Aurora Golden	
J.M. J.B. S.J. T.M. W.F. C.H.	Arvada Erie Centennial Denver Broomfield Fort Morgan	As an elementary music specialist, I and other specials teachers are concerned about district decisions yet to be made regarding teacher/program cuts. The district has been holding building meetings, so at this point we're in a wait and see mode - and try not to worry about your job too much yet!
L.C. L.H.	Denver Denver	
M.M. B.R.	Centennial Grand Lake	Business Education department is eliminated from our high school program. ALL students will be either an employer or an employee in the future and the skills learned in that program are just as important as reading, writing and math. The Business program provides a bridge from theory to practical application of skills learned in an academic environment. The Business program builds leaders for 21st Century population.
M.K. N.M. P.T. P.B.	Denver Boulder Denver Fraser/Lonetre e	
C.J.	Greeley	Cutting gifted education programs and GT teachers will create more dropouts among this population that is already at risk of underperforming of what they are truly capable of!
M.S. K.H. L.M. M.P. M.P. J.B.	Winter Park Parker Denver Lakewood Superior Littleton	Enough is enough - no more school cuts. How does it make sense to cut budgets and make it even harder for students with learning disabilities? Cutting the budget decreases the number of staff members that can make life a little easier on these students. Larger class sizes, and less teachers and staff in our buildings doesn't seem to add up. Education should be a priority. Make opportunities available to all students. Don't cut these budgets anymore.

S.V.	Monument	I have heard that not only is one of our elementary schools closing, but the 6th grade students will be moved back into the elementary schools in order to save money. The brand new middle school, Creekside, will be used as an elementary school, and the overcrowding that already happens with 5 elementary schools, 2 middle and 2 highschools will be inevitably worsen. I believe if the lawmakers of Colorado listen to the community and ask for their opinion, they will see how important education is to our community and they will realize that we do not want to have children not learning as much as they could because the state could not allocate enough money for the student's success.
C.W. K.F. M.L. R.W. R.G.	Louisville Golden Superior Golden Fort Collins	If budget cuts continue, and tuition increases, I am going to have to look at going out of state to finish my degree. Others will not be as fortunate, and will have to drop out all together!
J.M.	Denver	It is imperative that we make our inadequate school budgets a top concern. Class sizes are already too big, especially for the younger students. Reading intervention classes are being threatened even though a large proportion of the students are in need of this assistance. We cannot continue to let the budget decrease and services degrade. Our students will struggle as adults unless their families can afford to provide outside assistance. Even the number of new jobs being brought to the state will suffer as people will have to think twice about moving to Colorado if their children cannot be ensured a good education.
J.C. J.K.	Littleton Steamboat Springs	
K.E. R.S. L.S.	Golden Denver Aspen	Larger class size, positions cut, possible programs gone, what is the message? Not being able to differentiate for all of the different levels in a classroom because the teacher has too many children. Not giving our children the best education possible is unconscionable. How can we be such a highly educated state and treat funding for education like this? What does this tell our children? Please take this opportunity to fix it and make a better plan for our future. How could we and the state not have planned for this? And how did education become and how does it continue to remain such a low priority? Where there is a will there is a way, care enough to fix it.
R.G.	Colorado Springs	
R.C.	Arvada	
S.E.	Aurora	
S.C. N.T.	Lakewood Villa Grove	Mountain Valley School District is one of the poorest areas of the state. The teachers and staff have gone without a cost of living raise for two years (and with these cuts-who knows how much longer). With 3 teachers retiring this year, it will be difficult to attract highly competent teachers to this rural area. - Inability to pay even mediocre wages impedes ability to attract high level teachers/ experts - Inability to employ extra staff (such as paraprofessionals) will create difficulties in catering to ranges of abilities and restrict activity possibilities. - Inability to fund extra-curricular clubs/ excursions causes students to lose interest in subjects. - Inability to update outdated technology gives students disadvantages in subjects where technology should be an integral part. - Causes utilitarian attitude-marginalized students become more so as their needs are ignored. - Creates vicious circle-as results drop, so does student intake, and so does funding. Raise cigarette taxes, liquor taxes, fines for drunk driving etc. There are many ways to make up this money, but this solution will only cause more problems. In this economy, an education is all most of our students have, and that's about to be taken away. Think about it. And you're cutting the pre-school budget????!!!! Not a good idea in an area where 90% of the students come to us totally unprepared for school.
C.L. D.A. D.D. D.G.	Westminster Thornton Arvada Monument	

N.F.	Denver	My entire school body needs state funds to attend college. Metro State students are some of the more financially needy yet hard working students in the State.
A.L. S.v.	Tabernash Golden	
S.H. S.S.	Evergreen Westminster	
M.A.	Winter Park	Our children deserve the best education! It is detrimental to our national stability and future security to cut into any portion of their learning experience, especially at such young and impressionable ages. Cutting the arts and physical education provides nothing less than children unable to think outside of the box and challenge themselves as individuals. Please reconsider your budget cuts and keep education (although less than par) funding untouched.
J.B. K.K. K.W. J.B.	Centennial Littleton Denver Thornton	Our district is cutting \$24 million. I'm a high school teacher, and as the cuts come down, when it comes to the school level, high schools are taking the brunt of the cuts. Class sizes are increasing, programs are being cut, fundraising is very difficult for extracurriculars, and when looking at the comment threads on the news outlets, the feedback blames the unions, the teachers, and calls our schools subpar. This isn't the fault of any of the above, and my school is certainly not subpar. Our teachers work very hard to make sure the students know how much we care about them and want them to be successful. We strive for success of all students. Our staff is dedicated, hard working, and sacrificial. These cuts will make our class sizes increase, we're losing support staff, and that impacts the students. At what point are parents, and citizens in general, going to say, "enough is enough"? That's what needs to happen, laws need to be changed, so our students don't keep losing out. It's a shame, and the children of Colorado deserve much better than what the state is giving them funding wise.
D.M. J.P. S.S.	Denver Centennial Winter Park	
J.B.	Denver	Our school is running out of space to house our students and will have to lay off at least one teacher if not more. We have about 20 percent of our student population that needs intensive support in reading and writing. We need more staff not less.
B.S. C.G. C.P. C.D.	Fort Collins Westminster Westminster Pueblo West	Pueblo School District 70 is moving to a 4 day week. How very sad for kids.....doesn't look like we walk our talk.....but how can we - this is one of the two lowest funded districts in the states and because of its size 2000 sq miles - transportation cost chew up a lot of that funding.....kids will be standing in the dark.....this district is rural and MOST areas DO NOT have sidewalks or safe roads for kids to stand/walk or ride a bike. YOU have always been shamefully low in funding education, YOU make wild comments about the education quality but YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP - including holding districts, administrators and teachers accountable.....YOU JUST CUT financial support.
L.O. F.N. G.A. H.J. J.B. B.D.	Tabernash Grand Lake Thornton Denver Denver Arvada	The cuts are causing larger class sizes, less arts, less school activities - it's appalling.
M.W.	Colorado Springs	These kids are our leaders tomorrow dont they deserve the right to a decent education? Why is Colorado rated low on supporting schools?
A.D. B.M. B.C.	Denver Littleton Fruita	Tutorial (remediation) funding for those who are below proficient on CSAP, and after-school "Homework Help" funding have both been cut in our school for second semester and next school year. Now, how can we possibly NOT leave children behind?!

C.M.	Dolores	We are already working on a shoestring budget, and looking a making bigger cuts in expenses for next year. Staff works longer and harder, with less and less each year. Continued cuts hurts students; cuts mean less programs, resources, and potential loss of staff. You care about children and their education in Colorado? Start fully funding education and students futures. Start walking the talk.
A.C. B.C. E.P. J.M.	Golden Lakewood Boulder Grand Lake	
D.B.	Centennial	We have now lost the bulk of our Early Literacy Intervention program, which means that hundreds of students in first through third grades will not receive extra help in reading.
D.B. D.F. J.S. K.G. P.M.	Lakewood Denver Denver Denver Denver	Will my daughter be able to reach her potential? As much as I am willing and able to help her along, she needs class sizes that are reasonable and good teachers. I worry so much about the kids whose parents are are even less able to serve as back ups than I am.
A.B. L.H. T.W. T.T. W.C. J.H.	Fort Collins Littleton Longmont Winter Park Norwood Erie	24 million has already been cut this year. COME ON. They are already not learning work ethic, 21st century skills from their homes. What will the future be like???
J.P. L.W. M.G.	Centennial Centennial Lakewood	Being ranked 48 or 49 in state funding across the nation is TOTALLY Unacceptable!
K.R.	Colorado Springs	Colorado schools were struggling coming into this recession; we simply can't allow them to decline any further. My family and I moved here from the east coast five years ago. I'm astonished at how education is such a low priority in this otherwise wonderful state. We are currently considering moving back east for the sake of our children's education. We hate to go, but massive budget cuts will send us packing.
L.S. S.v.	Denver Golden	
S.S.	Grand Junction	
M.K.	Lakewood	Englewood is asmall district which is currently in declining enrollment. Current budget cuts have forced our district to cut programs and teachers. This will result in large class sizes, a loss of wonderful programs, and a continued decline in morale. Pay cuts, salary freezes, larger workloads with less planning are all contributing to a situation that is not good for teachers, and consequently, not good for students. Our district is already working at bare bones. . .we cannot afford more cuts.
M.S. P.M.	Falcon Arvada	
P.A. R.G.	granby Fort Collins	
K.M.	Crested Butte	I am worried that the basic needs of our students will not be covered and this is just plain wrong! Our state is the worst in funding for our schools already. Please give students an opportunity to a quality education. We need to rise above and prioritize what is most important - the future of this nation!
J.H.	Lakewood	
J.H. M.S.	Yampa Highlands Ranch	I have lost my job as a reading support teacher due to budget cuts. We have also lost a very talented technology teacher and her position.
J.K.	Monument	If the class size gets bigger kids will fall through the cracks!
C.D.	Golden	

A.H.	Steamboat Springs	It is so sad to see our school board have to make cuts in everything from supplies to salaries because our state continues to reduce spending per pupil. Our legislature should be ashamed.
K.C.	Denver	
K.L.	Fraser	
M.C.	Monument	Many terrific teachers are being cut from my kids' schools! Their schools will be overcrowded next year!
M.M.	Centennial	My first grade son will be in a class with 30 other students next year. That's way too many. Also, because of budget cuts, he'll be getting PE only 2 times a week and art and music once a week. How are we supposed to raise civilized children with this?
M.M.	Littleton	
N.P.	Lafayette	
P.F.	Rush	
R.F.	Centennial	
S.W.	Aurora	One year ago,, when the Colorado Section of The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) issued Colorado's Infrastructure Report Card, the Education component was given a grade of "C". That was predicated on continued funding of education without any further cuts. Within this past year, education has dropped at least to "C- or D+" if not to "D". At a time when we are so worried about economic recovery, we should be making an investment in the one thing that will insure long term economic recovery, and that is education. As we work to create new jobs, education of our workforce who will fill those jobs is paramount. Economic recovery will not happen if we do not have the necessary workforce with the necessary knowledge and skills to fill the new jobs that are created in the process of economic recovery. Any economic recovery will not be long lasting if there are not enough new young workers coming into the workforce with the necessary knowledge and skills to replace older workers as they retire. Once again, education is a key to economic recovery. It is a very critical part of our nations infrastructure. Every time we think of spending money to rebuild Colorado, we should also be thinking of spending money on education.
D.T.	Littleton	
D.A.	Denver	
K.L.	Vail	Our school is struggling to survive. We pay increasing fees and contributions each year that don't even touch the decreases in funding by the state. How can cuts to education possibly be justified with all of the waste that takes place in government? We need leadership that will get creative in solving this issue, not just the same old line. I'm begging you to do something.
B.F.	Denver	
C.R.	Highlands Ranch	
C.L.	Fraser	
J.T.	Winter Park	
K.H.	Tabernash	Our twin 9 year old boys will be going from class sizes in the 17-19 range to sizes in excess of 30. Studies have shown that class size is one of the primary determinants of student achievement. Our kids are in class with students from Latin America and Eastern Europe. Teachers already have a challenging time addressing the special needs of students having such varied backgrounds. Nearly doubling the size of class enrollment will make this challenge exponentially more difficult. How can we, as a state, be so myopic about our future? How do we expect Colorado to thrive in a more competitive global marketplace if we don't have the educational system to support it? If we continue down the path of additional funding cuts for education, don't expect companies to relocate to, or expand within, Colorado.
K.D.	Boulder	
K.N.	Lakewood	
L.H.	Golden	
G.M.	Monument	Reading Teachers and Interventionist are being cut in the Elementary Schools. Extra support in all academic areas to help students who are struggling is being cut from our district in the elementary school. These children are "being left behind"....what is in store for our nation?
K.W.	Fraser	The EGSD District Accountability Committee is looking at recommending the complete elimination of funding for middle school and high school activities/athletics. (\$360,000). This means goodbye to football, soccer, brain bowl, student council, drama, track, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, cheerleading, softball, baseball, golf and skiing.

E.T.	Arvada	
G.S.	Colorado Springs	
J.E.	Monument	
P.N.	Louisville	This economic crisis which is resulting in severe budget cuts has been taking a serious mental and emotional toll on us all. Loss of jobs, larger class sizes, greater work loads are translated into the classroom.
J.A.	Crested Butte	We can't compete and we have no means to support our gifted students. Our daughter now attends an academically selective school overseas. More kids are leaving and this shouldn't be the solution.
P.S.	Tabernash	We need to make a students school years as fulfilling as possible. The education experience needs to be more than the "3 R's"
A.W.	Monument	
A.B.	Dolores	
K.B.	Arvada	
S.F.	Golden	
S.S.	Boulder	
S.C.	Winter Park	
Y.M.	Golden	
C.M.	Hot Sulphur Springs	As a teacher, I have seen our school and our teachers continuously be asked to do more with less. We are asked to increase our class size, reduce our collaborative time and do away with new, research-based curriculum, all while trying to obtain AYP and do well on CSAPs. As a special education and resource room teacher, this has been detrimental to my students' success. I already work with kids who struggle to learn. Having more students in my classroom means I have less time to spend with the individual students who really need the extra attention. Without the research-based resources to make the most impact, those students who are already struggling to make a year's worth of growth in a year's time, are falling further behind. If we value education and the future of our children, we need to invest more into their futures, not less.
C.H.	Fort Collins	
D.J.	Denver	
D.P.	Aurora	
G.M.	Fort Lupton	
K.O.	Lakewood	Class sizes have already increased and will continue to do so next school year and thereafter. Students are already in classrooms that were built for 20-22 students and now they have 27-35. There is not enough room, not enough teacher time, and not enough materials. Enough is Enough! Fund our schools and our FUTURE!
A.R.	Denver	
B.V.	Golden	
J.J.	Englewood	
J.R.	Fraser	
J.B.	Monument	I am considering home schooling because my gifted and talented child may not get what he needs at public school anymore. Even though he goes to a WONDERFUL school, their hands are being tied by budget cuts!
C.H.	Littleton	I fear my job will be cut. I am a 2nd year teacher and I have no idea if I will have a job next year. The budget continues to diminish every week and my chance of continuing to do what I do best - teach, dwindles with the budget.
S.S.	Frederick	
T.P.	Monument	
V.M.	Denver	
L.M.	Colorado Springs	In our district we are combining 2 middle schools into one, then moving an elementary into the empty middle school; possibility of closing a second elementary; crowded schools; large classes; fewer electives
D.S.	Denver	More and more Denver schools are eliminating important services like librarians and music teachers. For the first time in my memory three Denver high schools will not have librarians.
L.W.	Monument	
M.V.	Monument	

M.H.	Golden	
J.C.	Denver	My son is a kindergartner at a DPS elementary that is "accredited on watch." We lost our Assistant Principal position for next year. Kindergarten classrooms lost their paras. Art, drama, music and PE have been slashed already and there is potential that one element will be cut entirely. The private schools are looking better and better, and if people start to make that choice, the current downward spiral will only spin more quickly.
L.S.	Golden	Please allow our students to get the personal attention they deserve. Class sizes are already at the max.
S.B.	Steamboat Springs	
S.S.	Centennial	
S.F.	Colorado Springs	
K.P.	Longmont	The rest of government needs further cuts, but not education. There is nothing more important than the education of our kids. Police, fire, and education are all crucial. The rest must be cut to the bone to survive the downturn.
K.W.	Golden	We fought long and hard to keep our school and are still working to make financial cuts to help save our school in future. Stand with us not against us!! Pleasant View Elementary
R.G.	Denver	We will not be able to afford the additional interventions that our students so desperately need to produce grade level work and become ready for college!
A.W.	Denver	
A.P.	Colorado Springs	
T.S.	Granby	
V.T.	Westminster	
S.G.	Dolores	Class sizes have had to be increased and staff decreased in order to help meet shortfalls. Furthermore, supplies, equipment and repairs have had to be put on hold. Fees for activities, tuition for pre-school/kindergarten, and other fees have had to be increased burdening budget stressed families even more. Colorado is one of the lowest funded states in the nation for education and further cuts will begin to impact student learning a great deal, with schools having to shorten their work weeks, cut contact time and increase class sizes. Student learning will definitely decrease.
K.B.	Boulder	
L.W.	Denver	
M.C.	Denver	
D.W.	Durango	At Fort Lewis College, people are hit hard by higher ed budget cuts. The demographic of Fort Lewis has a large percentage of first generation college students, and the largest Native American population at any school in Colorado. With the budget cuts Fort Lewis' crucial Native American Tuition Waiver is not able to serve its purpose because the college cannot afford to give free tuition to native students (a long part of Fort Lewis history).
K.M.	Parker	
L.B.	Denver	
M.B.	Denver	
H.B.	Greenwood Village	Because of all the budget cuts, the afterschool and before school programs have been cut resulting in the teens at CCHS getting into more trouble without any supervision. Teachers are already tired and pushed to the limit, WE ARE NOT DOING ANY GOOD BY CONTINUING TO CUT EDUCATION COSTS. With an autistic son in school, benefits are becoming even less available, and teacher to student ratio is becoming ridiculous. You are asking too much of teachers and faculty
R.S.	Nederland	
S.H.	Longmont	
S.B.	Denver	
T.B.	Centennial	Budget cuts will result in the loss of some classes altogether, larger class sizes, and fewer administrators.
J.J.	Colorado Springs	I had to take out a loan to pay for school, when it was free last year, creating unnecessary debt in my life
C.P.	Cheraw	I have been on the school board for 8 years and this is the BIGGEST challenge I have yet to face. The fear in teachers, administrators, and non-certified staff's eyes tells the true story.....they worry about their jobs OR how we will alter them to make them fit in these tough times. How did it get this bad?

T.J.	Denver	I sit on the CSC for a DPS high school and we are having to make both supply and teacher cuts. It is a travesty that we are having to decide whether to cut PE, Art or have class sizes of almost 40 students. That is appalling when are kids are required to make certain scores on the CSAP to prove they are learning.
J.B.	Golden	
K.H. M.O. C.M.	Broomfield Westminster Monument	My 5th grade daughter has a class of 30, will be staying in elemntary school for 6th grades next year and I have a 4th grader who will be in the same boat next year. Teachers are trying to be positive but we are still losing great educators next year. We currently share a school guidance counselor with another school. How is this okay when the emotional and social needs of our children are being placed on the backburner? Where are they learning what tools to utilize when confronted with bullying? Have you forgotten about the Columbine High School massacre? How is it okay for the state of Colorado to be so near the BOTTOM of funding per pupil as compared to other states in this great union? This is not a way to attract companies and others from moving to or investing in our state. The TABOR amendment needs to be dumped in order to give our state more flexibility to help our schools.
J.O. M.J.	Denver Grand Junction	
P.P. M.J.	Denver Golden	My children go to an elementary school in Golden which has continually been rated "excellent" by the CO. State Board of Education. As a result, our neighborhood school has attracted so many students from other areas it is now severely overcrowded. Every morning is a struggle to get over 500 students safely in the door of a building designed for less than 300 students. The classrooms are designed for small classes and now the 5th and 6th graders are packed in with class sizes of 30+. Next year, the 4th grade will be added to the 30 student ratio list since Jeffco wants to remove our temporary buildings. The rooms are loud and there is no space for a child to collect their thoughts. Now the children have to leave the room and walk through the halls or go to the bathroom. Learning has been affected as well. The small class sizes and individual attention of several years ago are gone for the upper grades and now many of our boys are "not meeting standards" in writing". It will be interesting to see CSAP scores for this year since the entire focus in the classroom has been to bring the test scores up. Money is now the issue. We need a new building, parking lot and lunchroom. Parents work in the school constantly to take small groups of students to practice math or reading. Every teacher is putting in 100% effort to help our students and there is really nothing else we can do. Many parents are paying for private tutors, including me. It is not realistic for children to learn in an overcrowded, loud school where they can't walk through the halls in the morning, get 15 minutes to get through the lunch line and eat before they are kicked out to the playground because the lunchroom is too small and need a crossing guard to get from their parents car parked in the school lot 30 steps to the sidewalk.
D.F. F.C. J.K. L.S.	Agate Denver Denver Boulder	My eldest middle school child will receive less resources from the state and upon graduation will still be required to compete with students nationally who receive more. Give my son the chance he is working so hard for, the opportunity to be one of Colorado's best, to achieve his academic goals upon graduation and compete for the best higher education route that he desires. He has interest in German, a language quickly dropped in middle schools due to funding. He would like to participate in higher level computer classes that just aren't in the budget right now. My youngest son is in Special Ed. With early detection and all the hard work he and the school have given, he just might be one of the lucky kids who will move into mainstream education without needing to continue in special ed. If our financial picture cuts out additional support services for kids who need support, but not formal special ed services, kids like mine won't have the option to move into the mainstream. For his future, we would have to keep him in special ed. Please give him a chance to be all he can be, an independent kid who can make it on his own. Support our kids and our schools that strive toward empowering and supplying kids with the tools they need to succeed. If we don't fund our schools properly, we are not only letting our kids down, but we let our own future down as well, Colorado will not provide the American Dream to kids who are working hard for it.

C.L.	Grand Junction	
D.K.	Westminster	
D.B.	Niwot	
S.L.	Denver	Please don't sell out our kids future.
J.W.	Ridgway	Program cuts, staff and transportation cuts
P.K.	Morrison	Simple: The future of this country is at stake! Kids and teachers are stressed by the current environment: Do More and more and more with less and less and less! We have tools in our schools which are last century's and taking more away is a crime. Parents are stressed as well as we keep paying more taxes and getting less with what we pay for and on top of that we raise lots of money privately just to try and make ends meet in the school.
B.M.	Boulder	
C.H.	Westminster	
C.S.	Castle Rock	
L.M.	Denver	We have already seen layoffs and reduced hours for even tenured professors, class cuts and an overall lack of funding for the school. Programs are/have been cut that are instrumental to students learning and experience. Yet enrollment is up and cuts continue. I would rather pay higher tuition than see any more cuts.
B.T.	Fraser	
C.N.	Englewood	
C.V.	Arvada	
C.H.	Lakewood	We have lost teachers who are greatly needed! We also have failing playgrounds that need refurbished/replaced.
A.B.	Evans	
E.K.	Boulder	
D.L.	Centennial	We need our legislators to find a solution to these cuts. Besides trying to create/bring new jobs to this state, the legislators should be finding ways to increase school funding, not cut it. Or resign their positions and find other people who will find ways to increase funding to our schools!
A.B.	Greenwood Village	
J.G.	Arvada	
J.W.	Salida	
J.S.	Littleton	
J.D.	Arvada	
L.T.	Golden	
L.C.	Centennial	
M.H.	Fraser	
S.L.	Lakewood	
T.H.	Westminster	
T.L.	Wheat Ridge	
T.K.	Arvada	
R.B.	Boulder	Each year, my two children with special needs receive less and less services and support due to budget cuts/restraints. The most vulnerable of our students are being swept under the rug due to lack of funding. Their needs are being ignored and denied. I am worried that it will only get worse. Please find a way to add funding, not subtract from an already underfunded educational system.
J.C.	Centennial	I worry that decisions are being made purely for financial benefits and that the decisions aren't in the best educational interest of the students. Multi age classroom are becoming the answer for financial reasons despite that it is not a school's philosophy and is not in the best interest of student learning.
J.S.	Oak Creek	
K.A.	Denver	
K.V.	Lakewood	
L.M.	Boulder	
C.S.	Colorado Springs	Instead of cutting programs that work, they are cutting resources in the schools, including Assistant Principals. To me they are making things much worse for the students.

C.R.	Westminster	The bottom line is that our children will not have their needs met in the classroom. Too many kids and not enough teachers. The teachers that care are getting burned out by the overload of work. Kids who need a little extra help won't get it. We are killing our future! We must fund K-12!
D.W.	Lafayette	There will be hits, and they will hit the most needy students first. Larger classes will have the most impact on students who need the most help. We might lose interventionists who provide small group instruction for struggling readers and mathematicians. Counselors will probably lose hours and troubled students (and their classmates) will suffer as a result. I wonder how it is that a country like India can rapidly and dramatically improve their education systems in spite of the poverty, while Colorado chooses to underfund education (year after year) and then think that additional cuts are still acceptable.
A.D. b.w. B.T. J.S. M.R.	Denver westminster Boulder Englewood Norwood	
S.R. S.C. F.B.	Denver Denver Littleton	An educated citizenry is the foundation of our democracy. Please persevere this in working to find a solution to this crisis.
M.J.	Denver	At Metro, lots of students come from more strained economic backgrounds. Since grants have become more restrictive, a hike in tuition will hurt me and a large population of my fellow students.
K.S.	Peyton	
L.G. M.M. A.S.	Boulder Lakewood Golden	Class sizes continue to increase. Teachers and staff are being cut. At some point we have to value education because the world is passing us and our children will not be able to compete in a global market.
R.L.	Denver	
R.A.	Denver	Edison has already lost their art teacher and many of the other subjects are poorly supported, not to mention the disproportionate ratio of kids to teachers in the classrooms.
D.B.	Littleton	I feel sorry for the young students today, what with larger class sizes, neighborhood schools closing, Fine arts eliminated, and the list goes on. Thankfully my last child graduates this year, however too soon to tell how these cuts will affect Colorado colleges and my child.
B.A.	Englewood	
C.G. D.L. E.B.	Arvada Fort Collins Greenwood Village	
P.G.	Fort Collins	I will struggle to pay for college after the tuition rises once again. Many of my friends will struggle as well and some might even drop out. Funding for higher education is critical for our economy. No businesses or corporations will want to invest in Colorado if there is no diversity or education.
K.M.	Golden	
L.C. J.B.	Lakewood Rifle	Increased class sizes and loss of critical support staff (ie. librarian, paraeducators).
K.B.	Littleton	
K.H.	Highlands Ranch	
S.D.	Parker	My 2 boys have thrived since attending the GT program offered at Douglas county elementary school. It will be difficult for them to go back to a normal curriculum. Douglas county has been hit hard compared to other school districts. This cut will further aggravate the issue and it will be hard on schools. It would be really helpful to come up with other ways of funding the program rather than budget cuts.
H.M. K.C.	Denver Littleton	

N.B. P.M.	Lone Tree Westminster	My child already had 35 students in some of the middle school classes last year! How many more will they be able to cram into a classroom? Further budget cuts will likely result in decreased "non-required" classes at both the middle and high school level. Our children need to be educated to be able to function in a more global environment. They could and should become world leaders, world-renowned scientists, global policy makers, politicians, healthcare providers, environmentalists, involved parents, the options should be endless. Additional cuts in education funding will have an impact that may be felt for multiple generations. We are shortchanging them and ourselves, and that can never be undone or made up.
J.D.	Colorado Springs	Our class sizes will be bigger and our "specials" classes are in danger of being cut. Who does this help? NO ONE! Our kids deserve the best education possible, and in no way do these cuts do that. What's best for our FUTURE? Ask yourself that.
A.R.	Longmont	
J.R. K.G.	Golden Fort Collins	Our students are facing even larger class sizes next year as well as a decrease in extra support services. These services affect the gifted learners as well as the non-proficient students. We would appreciate your support in helping all the students of Colorado reach their potential in school. They are the future of our wonderful state.
B.V.	Golden	
G.L. J.W.	Granby Denver	
M.M.	Littleton	Please carefully weigh where cuts are being considered in the education budget.
J.M.	Golden	Please involve teachers and families in trying to find new ways to improve education--the rate at which people are being left out and having to pursue private education is staggering. Aside from basic safety, food, and shelter, education is the highest priority for parents and children. Parents who can will vote with our money.
M.D.	Centennial	
P.w. K.S.	Denver Denver	Students will be forced to work instead of continuing education. Support all students.
J.F. J.N. P.M. P.D. D.S.	Westminster Sterling Aurora Boulder Lakewood	There are so many ways the cuts harm the students. Educating our youth is the necessity for the future and yet it is the most overlooked profession in our society...
C.P. D.W. D.L. R.V.	Golden Grand Lake Boulder Golden	We have already lost good teachers and our class sizes are 25-30 kids.
C.S.	Bailey	We have had to cut near \$700,000.00 from district budget this year. In doing so we have forced administrators to cut jobs and materials. If this continues to climb as predicted this SMALL district will not be able to function at a significant level of education. We are a very high scoring district in CSAP, because of that we do not qualify for a lot of state funding as it is. PLEASE consider the impact this is taking on tomorrows leaders!
A.L. M.H.	Arvada Centennial	
T.D.	Denver	
T.L. M.R.	Greeley Loveland	15,000 students in Thompson school district are impacted by these budget cuts! Programs such as IB and AP are especially hard hit. A well educated work force IS the path out of this recession.
M.C. S.M.	Golden Grand Lake	

L.M.	Saguache	Last night at our school board we had two retirees and a resignation from our district. The talk was to not replace them, but this is impossible. Two core subjects with highly qualified teachers required. We will hire two and let the other position go. In a small k-12 district with 122 students. The effect will be large. There is no way we can find \$140,000 without reducing salary, benefits, field trips, textbooks, and so many other vital components of the school experience.
B.B. C.R.	Tabernash Monument	
J.F.	Greeley	
J.W.	Englewood	We are already working with less resources, and further cuts will continue to impact what is available for students. Also if furlough days are implemented, this means less time that students are in school. Prior thinking was that students needed to spend more time in school, and now there is the possibility that the school year be shortened. I think it is very sad that education is taking such a major hit during this time of economic crisis, especially in Colorado. Where are our priorities? We are listed as number 48 out of 50 states, for funding of education. That is a sad commentary on the priorities of how money is being allocated for education. Our youth are our future.
C.Z. T.C.	Golden Colorado Springs	
J.A.	Littleton	Colorado is destroying its seed corn. The future rests in innovation and technology. Colorado can no longer rest on its laurels - agriculture and tourism. The strength of our society also rests on a well-educated population which votes with knowledge and passion on the issues of our democracy.
M.J. P.C. R.S. J.H.	Swink Arvada Lakewood Parker	Effects from finding cuts: losing wonderful teachers (including probationary status/right out of their licensure programs) with high performance marks and keeping ones that don't necessarily want to teach anymore; CLASS SIZES; educational assistants; loss of the arts...!!!
W.W.	Golden	Extracurricular activities are very limited and parents are constantly asked to volunteer time, funds and supplies. While I love to volunteer in any way that I can, I do notice I am a minority and unfortunately many others are just unable.
M.M. P.C.	Centennial Denver	
S.R. S.M. R.A.	Littleton Boulder Boulder	I have kids in both the TAG and Special Education programs and I fear for all kids with more individualized learning plans and needs. Teachers already have a lot to manage and I fear too many kids will be struggling to meet their learning needs.
K.S. L.F. L.P. L.P. A.V.	Golden Tabernash Boulder Littleton Denver	If our legislators are incapable of recognizing how these budget cuts are inherently unjust in the most industrialized and productive capitalist nation in the world, then they are unqualified for the seats they occupy. This is an issue of moral conscience whereby those who are elected to serve the greater good and interests of all citizens must stand up for what is equitable. Do the right thing!
T.M.	Colorado Springs	It is rather obvious, I believe!
T.S.	Littleton	Jeffco cannot afford the kinds of cuts that are being discussed. We've made gains, based on reduced class size and proven instructional strategies. There are no more cuts to make that won't significantly impact kids in classrooms. There's no fat left.
D.B. G.B. J.G. M.A.	Denver Denver Colorado Springs	
P.S. P.C.	Parker Erie	

M.L.	Greenwood Village	My child's middle school, Isaac Newton, just lost it's guiding program, Interntional Baccalaureate, because of state education funding cuts. The program teaches our kids the importance of respecting and understanding world cultures, among other things. Newton staff and parents spent years getting this program established and certified.
P.P. J.B.	Crested Butte Denver	No high school music band classes
L.S. L.C.	Lakewood Denver	
L.G. A.H.	Crestone Cheraw	Our district is a small setting with a great student/teacher ratio for effectively meeting the needs of students. The numerous cuts that our school has already been hit with are threatening our school with a reduced staff which raises the student/teacher ratio and numerous cuts in programs so our students will not possibly have the opportunity for a quality education. These students are our future !!! If we don't provide our kids with a quality education so they can enter the world prepared and confident we are cheating our great country and contributing to its demise.
A.H. J.H.	Arvada Centennial	
L.W. C.R.	Arvada Grand Lake	Our elementary school which is located in Grand Lake is potentially closing and we will loose the great community aspect of having our kids in school in the town they live.
E.M. G.B. H.D. J.J. L.W.	Denver Lakewood Boulder Aurora Denver	Reading interventionist is being cut from our school - our daughter has benefitted greatly from this service.
E.W.	Denver	The cuts to special ed programs are heartbreaking. The caseloads for these teachers are already unmanageable. To leave these kids without the services and help they need is a scary and growing problem.
D.K.	Highlands Ranch	
E.B.	Centennial	
E.M.	Pine Jct.	
F.B. L.S.	Florissant Grand Lake	They may close the only school in our town. My kindergartener would have to be bused more than 15 miles on icy roads. Closing the school would literally turn our town into a retirement community instead of a town for families.
J.P.	Centennial	This is starting to get ridiculous! The children will not get the attention they need, and the teachers will have too big of classes to make a difference. The children are our future and we need to invest in their future with the very best teachers; Stop lay offs now!
M.F.	Center	We have one of the poorest counties in the state. Our children are adversely affected by funding cuts. The school is the only source of their education.
J.D. M.W. M.V.	Nederland Aurora Golden	
A.L.	Wheat Ridge	Will our schools and the education of our children EVER become a top priority in this country? Band, music, art and P.E. are a hugely important part of my 6th Grade daughter's day... and don't think those subjects don't affect her learning in reading, writing, math and science in a highly positive way!!!
A.M.	Fraser	
A.G. T.E.	Grand Junction Northglenn	
V.M.	Denver	
Y.L.	Lakewood	

P.J.	Lakewood	At my son's high school (Green Mountain) they have cut the entire Family & Consumer Science program for next year. REALLY.
J.G.	Centennial	
K.W.	Littleton	
K.S.	Aurora	
K.W.	Denver	
R.O.	Denver	Education excellence in the 19th and 20th centuries was a KEY to American prosperity. We need to try and maintain what remains of this.
D.H.	Littleton	I have 4 students in the public school system. One is special needs. Please do not cut funding any more.
D.K.	Lakewood	Increased class sizes.
J.N.	Norwood	
M.B.	Golden	
M.E.	Crested Butte	
L.H.	Denver	My 9th grade daughter has very limited resources in her biology class besides a text book. She does not have the opportunity to dissect or to look through a microscope--the teacher does not have the space or sufficient materials to provide experiences for students to act as scientists.
M.E.	Lakewood	
M.H.	Granby	
D.P.	Highlands Ranch	Our district budget has been cut by more than \$100M in the past 3 years--we can't take anymore! The teachers have been either laid off or their salaries are frozen, we have lost some great teachers! Programs are being cut, class sizes are increasing because not enough teachers, parents are being passed on fees after fees for things that are being considered "optional" these days--such as music, art, busing and sports. We are down to the bare bones and it has to stop!
J.M.	Westminster	
L.M.	Crested Butte	
L.T.	Louisville	
J.W.	Denver	Please stop the decline. An educated workforce is the foundation of a strong community. Don't blame demographics; it's all about education first. We need great teachers (so says all the research). We need to do better --and we can! Take a look at Washington DC school district. Let's lead! Be bold. We are the adults and need to take care of our children. They cannot.
R.C.	Denver	
S.M.	Boulder	
C.S.	Englewood	There are too many children in each classroom and are not getting the quality education needed to compete in our global society
M.Z.	Monument	We have closed an elementary school, relocated the others, reconfigured elementary and middle, teachers have taken a pay freeze, class sizes are increasing and yet funds continue to be cut. How deep can you cut when there is no more room to cut? We are sending a message that education is not important enough to fund. Children are not important enough to fund. Listen to any parent of a K-12 student and the sentiment is the same. Make the cuts to children last!
A.P.	Thornton	
A.G.	Parker	
P.M.	Loveland	
S.G.	Commerce City	
T.D.	Winter Park	
C.S.	Centennial	After so many years of planning to send my 3 boys to college, how can I afford instate tuition at 9%+ increase rates, annually? With jobs tenuous and investment savings eroded, I feel really cheated. Sending them out of state may be the wiser choice and that is sad for Colorado. The out of towners who were educated out of state, in world class institutions, will get the jobs meant for our children. Come on - we earn in the top 8 states, and fund our education at the bottom -49th! Material things can erode (roads), minds can't!
D.M.	Arvada	
E.A.	Commerce City	

G.O.	Erie	
S.S.	Littleton	Cutting programs that decrease student interest in attending school is not a very productive way of increasing test scores.
J.R.	Golden	Girls Swim Team may be cut. Loss of excellent teachers. My sister, a teacher, may lose her job.
V.S.	Alamosa	I work in the public school and my husband works at a state college both in the arts. There has been a hiring and wage freeze at the college for two years now and my school can not even get cost of living adjustments to their employees. Teachers are professionals who work very hard and deserve to be able to support their families. I have friends who are teachers who are on free and reduced lunches for their kids. This is ridiculous.
N.O.	Golden	
O.A.	Monte Vista	
R.M.	Dolores	
L.H.	Arvada	Jeffco is the state's largest school district with over 85,000 students. We are dealing with budget cuts over the next two years of \$40 million (the district has been strategic with funds in the reserve that we are using to offset what could be even greater cuts). The district has made plans to close one school, but will continue to look at other schools on an on-going basis. We are in the midst now of reviewing the budget and looking at huge cuts and salary freezes, furlough days, lay-offs of employees and discontinuing programs. All these possibilities are in a great effort to keep the cuts away from the classrooms...but eventually, only so much can be saved. We will experience more students in each classroom and any programs that get cut may fall to the wayside before there's enough funding to restore them. We need to do something soon.
B.C.	Tabernash	
C.W.	Colorado Springs	
D.M.	Denver	
R.G.	Golden	Less funding means fewer teachers which translates to less one on one with students that have lower self-esteem or are struggling. Funding cuts mean less education. The music and arts programs suffer greatly, teachers have less salary and will leave teaching. Students cannot get college funding. We will not be able to compete with other countries that provide their children with a good education.
K.G.	Golden	Our Children need to be educated in order for the America to stay strong...Believe in the next generation!
K.L.	Hot Sulphur Springs	
L.W.	Peyton	
M.R.	Westminster	
B.R.	Greenwood Village	Our overall long term financial health and reputation as a state depends on giving our children the best education we can. When cuts happen, our districts figure out how to "get by" and that is not good long term prosperity. Public education needs support to avoid a "get by" attitude and to bring Colorado public education back to a high level of funding. Currently, Colorado state funding for public schools is at the bottom of the national average.
A.W.	Golden	
S.L.	Denver	
C.K.	Colorado Springs	Teachers are being cut and classroom sizes are increasing. TECHNOLOGY teachers are cut. Literacy coaches are cut. Assistant principals are gone. The school nurse will cover several schools and almost 4,000 students. The crisis is here!
B.G.	Grand Junction	
C.M.	Colorado Springs	
C.S.	Parker	Too many kids in a class
V.R.	Aurora	We are experiencing what promises to be the biggest cut in staff in Aurora ever. We are cutting many of our support staff who fill so many valuable roles. Often, they are the ones who can help provide a little 1:1 support or additional small group support to students in our classrooms. Work load will increase for those remaining, class size will increase which will lead to more management and less teaching, and teacher burnout will skyrocket, more than it already has. Where is the future of our kids headed if we can not properly meet their needs?

