

NEW MEXICO IS IN A **BUDGET CRISIS**

...and our children are paying the price.

Last year, New Mexico's budget deficit was over **\$600 million**. This year, we may add an additional \$300 million to our debt. The financial mismanagement of the state is being balanced on the backs of our children and **the education budget is being slashed.**

What does this mean for our families?

- Larger Class Sizes
- No Classroom Supplies
- Fewer Books
- Teacher Furloughs
- Shortened School Years
- Students Shortchanged

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"The funding we were going to use to buy books for students was frozen and now students won't have books."

-2nd Grade Teacher in APS

\$114 MILLION

Cut from this year's education budget alone!

\$130 MILLION MORE!

If the Governor vetoes revenue enhancements in House Bills 2 & 202.

Here are just a few ways the Legislature and Governor Martinez CAN **restore the cuts to education and fix the deficit.**

\$20 million- Close corporate loopholes that allow internet sales to remain untaxed.

\$450 million-Return to the personal income tax rate that was in place prior to 2003.

\$63 million- Raise the permit tax on heavy weight vehicles traveling through the state.

\$155 million- Increase the cigarette tax. (NM hasn't increased this tax in 30 years!)

Tell the Governor that our classrooms can't afford any more cuts; have the courage to raise revenue!

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