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**Pleasanton PTA Council Spearheads Local Rally  
To Protest California Education Budget Cuts**  
*Rally Slated for Friday, April 4 at Amador High School*

**Pleasanton, CA** –The Pleasanton Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council joins the California School Employees Association and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers in hosting a rally on Friday, April 4, 2008, to protest severe budget cuts planned in education through the California state budget process.

*“Flunk the Budget—Not Our Children”* is the theme of the rally, which will include concerned parents, students and community members. The rally will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Parents and students are encouraged to make and bring their own signs. Senator Corbett and Assembly Members Hayashi and Torrico will be participating in the rally.

Similar rallies are planned around California throughout the month of April, all focused on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed a \$4.4 billion cut to K-14 education (which would require the suspension of Proposition 98) on top of a \$400 million reduction for education in the current year, with a net effect of approximately \$800 less per K-12 student. Locally, for the Pleasanton Unified School District, the cuts will result in fewer teachers, larger classes, less individual attention per student, fewer counselors, school nurses and other critical support staff per student.

“Investing in public education is one of the most valuable ways to ensure the long-term growth and health of our State’s economy. California’s budget problems should not be balanced on the backs of our kids,” says Jamie Hintzke, President of the Pleasanton PTA Council.

The California State Parent Teacher Association’s mission is to positively impact the lives of all children and families by representing its members and empowering and supporting them with skills in advocacy, leadership and communication. For more information, please call (925)876.2380, or visit [www.pleasantonpta.com](http://www.pleasantonpta.com).

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