

Our lawmakers want to cut the student value again.

If we don't go to Santa Fe October 9, and if we don't demonstrate on October 9 against student value/education budget cuts, then these bad things will happen this year:

1. **Class sizes will increase**. Teachers and education assistants will be laid-off, starting with those who haven't signed third consecutive contracts. If these layoffs don't balance student value/education budget cuts, employees who have signed third consecutive contracts will be laid off, starting with least seniority.
2. **Kindergarten and Special Ed class sizes will increase**. Kinder, Special Ed teachers and education assistants will be laid-off, starting with those who haven't signed third consecutive contracts. If these layoffs don't balance student value/budget cuts, then more Kinder and Special Ed employees will be laid off, starting with least seniority.
3. **Funding for small districts will be cut**. Lawmakers want to remove the small school size adjustment factor in SEG formula. Quote from Gang of 12: 'The state should not be providing additional funding for small, rural, isolated schools located near larger communities.'
4. **Emergency funding will be cut**. School districts needing emergency funds will not receive those funds unless they prove no other federal, grant, capital, other state funds are available. Districts with outstanding audits will not have access to emergency funding.
5. **Maintenance personnel and pay will be cut**. Lawmakers will try to use SB 9 and HB 33 funding to replace maintenance funding cuts.
6. **Supplemental Educational Services (SES) contracts will be cut**. Special education services will be provided by regional educational cooperatives, local teachers and staff.
7. **Maintenance and textbook funding will be cut**. Transportation carry-over funds may be used to replace maintenance and textbook cuts.
8. **Non-instructional funds will be cut**. 'Excess numbers' of educational assistants, maintenance employees, custodial employees, and central office secretaries and clerks who are not 'directly related to classroom instruction' will be laid off.
9. **Monday-Friday athletic event funding will be cut**. Funding to pay for supervision, buses, and facilities for athletic and extra-curricular events held during the week will be cut. Athletic events and extra-curricular activities will be restricted to Saturdays and Sundays.

These budget cuts were developed by the infamous 'Gang of 12' --- lawmakers who met behind closed doors and took no public input. Cuts 1-9 come directly from the Gang of 12's official document: Fiscal Year 2010 – School District Options for Implementation. Lawmakers will try to pass these cuts during a special session in October. Gov. Richardson has threatened to veto these cuts, but lawmakers have enough votes to override his veto. **We must stop them**.