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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Rally at LAUSD: More Money for Kids in Need**

#### **Thousands of Petitions Will Be Delivered to School Board, Demanding That the District Spend \$1 Billion on Highest Need Students**

**When:** Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9-10 am

**Where:** Outside LAUSD headquarters, 333 S. Beaudry Ave., LA, CA 90017

**What:** More than 5,000 petitions signed by families and teachers across L.A. will be delivered to the LAUSD board, demanding that \$1 billion in extra state funding over the next seven years goes to help the students it was meant to serve – low-income students, English learners and foster youth – and to the struggling communities that need it most.

**Who:**

- More than 100 people, including:
  - Parents
  - Teachers
  - Representatives of Communities for Los Angeles Student Success (CLASS), a coalition of civil rights, education and community groups that fights for equity in L.A. schools. They will deliver the petitions to the board.

**Visuals:**

- A huge stack of more than 5,000 petitions
- A large map of L.A.'s highest poverty neighborhoods, where school funding is most needed

**Why:**

For too long, the students in L.A.'s poorest communities have been denied their fair share of resources. In response to this injustice, Governor Jerry Brown last year created

the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which provides millions in extra funding to school districts like LAUSD with high concentrations of low-income students, English learners and foster youth. The new formula also gives the school districts flexibility on how to spend that money to help those students. Rather than spend the money on special interests or pet projects, thousands of Angelenos are demanding that the school board direct this funding to the under-served students and communities that need it most.

*Communities for Los Angeles School Success (CLASS) is a coalition of more than 50 parent, student, educator, community-based and civil rights organizations who have been deeply involved for decades in organizing and advocating for improvements within LAUSD that make student achievement the priority of every school in the District. Collectively, our organizations serve over 150,000 thousand families, students and teachers in Los Angeles.*