



Don't let lawmakers dim the lights on the bright future of our children, education, our state, and our nation.

The Challenge

Texas is facing the worst budget cuts in education since World War II.

The cause is a \$27 billion dollar hole in the budget.

Education is slated to be cut by \$5 billion dollars.

For Plano that translates to \$57 to \$65 million dollars.

What does \$57 - \$65 M look like in Plano?

Cut all general administration, bus drivers, maintenance workers, custodial services, librarians, nurses, counselors, fine arts and special academic programs and athletics could be cut and that would total \$60.5M.

Or we could close 1 senior high school, 2 high schools, 3 middle schools and 9 elementary schools. That would total \$59.9M.

Don't like that, then how about cut 1,146 teacher jobs, that equals \$60M

None of these options are acceptable to the Plano ISD Council of PTAs. PISD has a history of excellence for EVERY child. We will not let the Texas legislature diminish the bright future of our children. PISD is exploring every option available to not affect our classrooms, but the situation is dire. As parents, we must act now. This is the time to become involved in the democratic process. We must let lawmakers know we will not accept failure for our children and the future of Texas and our country.

Action

Take it to the Street!

As parents we are getting the message, but we need to take the message to the street! Every taxpayer, homeowner, business owner in Plano needs to be aware. Education affects everyone.

1. Every mini van, suv, and car window in Plano should contain some of the following messaging:

- a. "Keep Plano Schools Bright"
- b. "Fund Texas Education"
- c. "Don't Let Austin Turn the Lights Off on Education"
- d. Contact Your Reps tell them to Fund Education
- e. go to www.planopta.org for Action Info
- f. Save Texas Schools

2. Get Ready to Rally! Saturday, March 12 caravan to Austin to join thousands of other concerned Texans to Save Texas Schools

- a. Meet at 5:30 am at PISD Admin Building Parking lot
- b. Get your groups together and RSVP to legislative@planopta.org if you plan to join us.
- c. Sponsored by savetxschools.org

3. Spread the word on Facebook and Twitter

4. Talk to your neighbors and businesses

Continue to watch for messages from your school and Council PTA for more upcoming events and more information on the rally.

The time to be a child education advocate is NOW!