

1 [Commending May 8<sup>th</sup> Rally for Education Not Incarceration.]

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3 **Resolution commending the Education Not Incarceration coalition for holding a**  
4 **statewide rally in Sacramento on May 8, 2003 to protest Governor Gray Davis' decision**  
5 **to cut education spending while increasing prison spending.**  
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7 WHEREAS, California State governor Gray Davis is proposing to cut the state budget  
8 for K-12 education by \$3.9 billion and cut the budget for higher education by \$1.5 billion, and;

9 WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts will drastically decrease the quality of pre-  
10 kindergarten through high school education by increasing class sizes, reducing student  
11 support programs, and reducing class offerings in the arts and athletics, and;

12 WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts will greatly decrease the public's access to  
13 community and four-year state colleges through reductions in offerings, student support  
14 services, and increased tuition, and;

15 WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts will have a disproportionately negative impact  
16 on low-income students and students of color, and;

17 WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts will result in increased workloads for and  
18 layoffs of thousands of teachers and other school employees, and;

19 WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts of individual programs foster competition and  
20 unwittingly pit educators against each other, and;

21 WHEREAS, The children and adults of California are entitled to a quality education  
22 that meets their needs and prepares them to be leaders in their communities, and;

23 WHEREAS, The proposed state budget increases the allocation of monies to prisons,  
24 thereby committing the children and adults of California to the concept of incarceration rather  
25 than making a commitment to public education, and;

1           WHEREAS, A state's budget acts as a reflection of its values and priorities, now,  
2 therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, that Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
4 commends the Education Not Incarceration coalition for holding a statewide rally in  
5 Sacramento on May 8th, 2003 to protest the Governor's choice of cutting education spending  
6 while increasing prison funding.

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