

The Water Cooler

Bubble Up Report

Date: May 18, 2010

To: California Child Care Organizations and Friends
From: Patty Siegel, Donita Stromgren
RE: Campaign to Save Child Care - Response to Governor's proposal to destroy California's child care system

Since Friday's devastating budget news many of us have been talking and recognizing that we need a strong coalition of child care organizations and advocates to signal our united opposition to the Governor's May revise budget proposals for child care which would destroy our child care system. At both the special session and regular session budget hearings on child care and CalWORKs the field has been remarkably united in our response to the Governor's January budget proposals. As we prepare for the first joint Assembly budget hearings on the child care and CalWORKs eliminations (scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 1pm) we need to solidify and strengthen this unity.

Thanks to the many statewide organizations who have already signed on! We are anxious to expand the list. *Please review the attached final statement and indicate your organization's support by 5pm Tuesday, May 18th to be included on the initial list for tomorrow's hearing. We will continue to add organizations as the Campaign moves forward.* Please email your response to sarah@rrnetwork.org. We will prepare a press statement to issue prior to the hearing on Wednesday, and bring copies of the statement to the hearing. We have also created and will disseminate a bright sticker to identify everyone in support of this united response. Look for us and other campaigners outside the hearing room to get your sticker.

Thanks for your support!!