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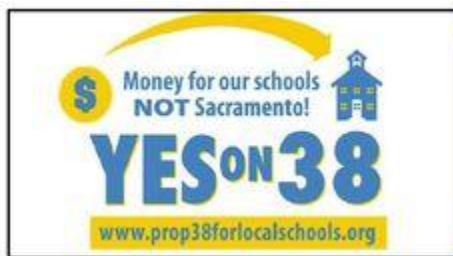
Bubble Up Report

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From: Advancement Project

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- **Vote Yes on Prop 38 Tomorrow November 6th!**
 - Passage of Prop 38 Can Prevent Trigger Cuts
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Build a Brighter Tomorrow with Prop 38 for California's Youngest Learners

Do you know that Prop 38 is the **ONLY** proposition on the November ballot that guarantees increased funding for children from birth to age five? Do you want young children to have a voice in the upcoming election? Do you want to be part of a transformative investment in early childhood education in California?

You can make that happen at the ballot box tomorrow, November 6th.

- Prop 38 **raises \$10 billion** per year for schools and early childhood education with **no interference from Sacramento**
- Approximately **100,000 children** gain the opportunity for

- **preschool and child care** doubling to almost 250,000 by 2024
- Prop 38 **boosts school readiness and improves access** with **\$1 billion - \$2.5 billion per year** to expand early childhood education programs

[Click here](#) for a "Yes on 38" fact sheet detailing the impacts the proposition will have on young children and their families

Election Day is Tomorrow! GET OUT AND VOTE YES ON PROP 38!

Join Advancement Project, the California PTA and supporters of children across California in making history tomorrow! As Ghandi has said, "you must be the change you wish to see in the world." Instead of just talking about the need to improve access to quality education for our children, let's join together as catalysts for change and give our children a fighting chance to succeed!

Here is all of the information you need to vote!

- 1. Election Day: Tuesday November 6th**, with the polls open from 7:00am until 8:00pm
- 2. For more information on voting in CA** and finding your polling place, [please click here](#)
- 3. State law allows time for you to vote during your workday if needed:** [click here for more information](#)

In order to maximize turnout, we must all reach out to friends, family members and colleagues to ensure that they are **prepared to vote on November 6th!**

Passage of Prop 38 Can Prevent Trigger Cuts

Prop 38 is the only initiative that guarantees a transformative investment in California's educational system, but some have asked about the impact of the "trigger cuts" that the Governor and Legislature created as a part of the budget deal adopted in June. The trigger cut


provision states that if the Governor's Prop 30 does not pass, \$6 billion in cuts will be incurred by K-12 and higher education (not early childhood). However, if Prop 38's \$10 billion new revenue measure is enacted, the trigger cuts **WOULD NOT HAVE** to be enacted. In fact, the legislature "would face tremendous political pressure to restore those trigger cuts," explains political science professor Thad Kousser to KPBS San Diego (full interview below). Here are some helpful facts about the trigger cuts:

- **If Prop 38 passes, there is no need for trigger cuts.** In addition to guaranteeing increased investment in K-12 and early childhood programs, Prop 38's education debt service provisions provides \$3 billion a year in relief to the state general fund. These funds can be used to support other general fund priorities, including higher education and health and human services.
- The state legislature can change any law that it creates, including the trigger cuts, which were signed in to law as a part of the most recent budget bill. In fact, **State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said he believes the Legislature and districts would revisit their trigger cut arrangements if Proposition 38 prevails.** "If there is a pot of money generated outside of the budget deal, it still addresses priorities the Governor and Legislature said they care about," Torlakson said. "So I think the Legislature would find a way to bridge the budget gap knowing the money is coming in." **On February 12, 2012 California State Legislature approved a bill reversing a \$248 million trigger cut to home-to-school funding.**
- Most school districts have created their budgets for the coming year in anticipation of the trigger cuts taking place, essentially **"de-fanging" the trigger's bite to their budgets.**

Thad Kousser, Propositions 30 and 38

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