The San Mateo-Foster City School District and The San Mateo Elementary Teachers’ Association (SMETA) Engage in Activities to Highlight Local Impacts of California’s Financial State of Emergency

Foster City, CA – California’s schools and students are in a state of emergency over the drastic cuts that are hurting our public schools. Funding to California schools has been reduced by $18 BILLION in the last three years and we now face another $3 billion in cuts. The San Mateo-Foster City School District has absorbed over $21 million worth of staffing and program reductions over the past four years and the administration is looking to reduce the District budget by $8 million more over the next two years. We will need to cut an additional $2.4 million if the legislature does not pass a budget that protects education. Our class sizes are increasing, our support programs have been cut and our 180 day instructional year is at risk. These potential cuts will affect each one of us, as well as our students, and it is time that we STAND UP AND SHOUT OUT to protect public education.

Come and stand with educators during this week of action:

- **L** Monday, May 9  **LEGISLATIVE** Activities – contact legislators regarding the impact of budget reductions on education
- **E** Tuesday, May 10  Reach out to **EVERY** Parent – wear red and educate parents and community members on the impacts of budget reductions
- **A** Wednesday, May 11  **APPRECIATE** educators and those who support public education
- **R** Thursday, May 12  Promote the need for **REVENUE**
- **N** Friday, May 13  **NOT** business as usual – all schools will participate in a district-wide emergency drill at 11:00 am. There will also be rallies at the Millbrae BART station at 4:00 pm and San Francisco Civic Center at 5:00 pm.

The District’s events are part of a statewide “State of Emergency” week coordinated by a broad coalition of education, parent, student, labor and community groups during the week of May 9-13, 2011. For more information about statewide events, go to [www.castateofemergency.com](http://www.castateofemergency.com).

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