

PARENTS PLEASE VOTE!

Did you know that typically parents with children in school DON'T vote?

The California “Presidential Primary Election” is February 5, 2008.

The “State Primary Election” is June 3, 2008.

The “General Election” is November 4, 2008.

Your school office has available copies of an “EASY-VOTER GUIDE” (*in both English and Spanish*) to better help you navigate the election process. You can also find this guide at www.easyvoter.org

Parents who are informed and involved voters and citizens will be able to influence the important decisions that our State government will be making over the next months. We know the State has major financial problems and our Governor and Legislators need to hear from parents about the importance of supporting public education. Some potential shortfalls facing our District are listed below. By speaking with their votes and by contacting State elected officials directly, informed parents can be a powerful voice in our State. More information is available at www.svUSD.k12.ca.us and www.svpta.org.

S.V.U.S.D. Funding Shortfalls

- Our District receives funding based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) which is approximately 97%. If we were funded on Enrollment, we would receive an additional estimated amount of approximately \$7.5 million.
- Declining Enrollment is projected to decrease the revenue of S.V.U.S.D. by \$1.9 million this year.
- If S.V.U.S.D. received the same amount per student as the average district in the state, there would be an additional \$1.15 million in revenue.
- K-3 Class Size Reduction funding covers about 63% of actual operating costs of this valuable program.
- Federal Government mandates for Special Education were under funded by approximately \$13.7 million last year in S.V.U.S.D.

If you have any questions please email Dorelle Kmetz, Saddleback Valley PTA Council Legislation Chairperson – svlegislative@svpta.org