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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Lamorinda Parents Join Statewide Effort to “Wake Up California!” to the Crisis Facing Public Schools!**

***On May 24<sup>th</sup> parents from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda will join with 20 other rally sites across the state to “Wake Up Lamorinda!” and demand that legislators support school funding!***

**Lafayette, CA:** Parents and citizens in Lafayette will be joining with the parent group, Educate Our State to bring awareness to the statewide crisis facing public education funding. They are demanding that the legislators take immediate action to support public education funding by extending the existing revenue measures.

**What:** Wake Up California! Rally to Support Public Education  
**Details:** 20 cities across California will hold rallies bringing awareness to the public education funding crisis and the need for legislators to take action and pass the revenue extension measures  
**When:** Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Lafayette Plaza Park (Mt. Diablo Blvd & Moraga Rd, Lafayette 94549)  
**Parking:** Public lot & street parking  
**Specifics:** Confirmed speakers: Lafayette Superintendent Fred Brill, City Councilman Don Tatzin, local students from Lafayette schools. Musical performances from pajama-clad children from local schools  
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**Website:** [www.educateourstate.org](http://www.educateourstate.org) includes map with updated statewide rally sites  
**Twitter:** #wakeupCA, #educateourstate  
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“The parents in Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda are standing up for their children and their schools. California schools have experienced \$18 billion in budget cuts since 2007 and compared to every other state in the nation, we are at the bottom of the barrel in per student funding” said Jean Follmer, from Lafayette for Education, a grassroots community group dedicated to identifying and supporting stable funding sources, as well as sharing information about education-related efforts through the state of California.

Educate Our State, a grassroots campaign has gained substantial political clout and press over the past year (including an extremely successful recent campaign in which over 60,000 letters were sent to legislators in Sacramento), is organizing the statewide “Wake Up California!” day of events. Educate Our State is a parent-led, statewide campaign to unite the voices of Californians in support of high-quality K-12 public education and demand real change. Join the movement!

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