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The Torrance Teachers Association has always been an ardent partner with the Torrance Unified School District and the supporting organizations focused on the educational environment in Torrance Schools. We, like the administration of TUSD, are acutely aware of the realities of our current state budget and the flippant political wrangling associated with it. However, we strongly believe that TUSD must address the critical needs of our schools, not only in future years but in the current and subsequent year as well. TTA is encouraged by the economic assumptions in the current state budget and with relief efforts from the federal government and our local fund raising groups; we feel that there is money available to begin the process of bringing back much needed support systems that have been cut in recent years.

After much communication with our members and the education community at large, both written and in conversation, the Torrance Teachers Association declares that the all of following items should be the funding priorities for the Torrance Unified School District in this and/or in the next school year:

- ✓ Stabilize school/district staffing and prevent any future layoffs.
- ✓ Restore the academic year to 180 instructional days and 5 staff development days.
- ✓ Systematically reduce class size by calling back laid off teachers.
- ✓ Stabilize/reduce out-of-pocket health care costs.
- ✓ Restore and/or provide classroom/school site support personnel (intervention programs, Counselors, Instructional Aides, etc.).