

Getting Creative with your Child's Education

During the great recession the state revenues over the last three years have plummeted and the legislators have said they had no choice but to cut billions from primary, secondary and higher education to close enormous deficits. It is not over yet, and colleges have cut up to 40% of the sections of classes offered. High schools have made cuts that have shortened the school year and made over crowding far worse than it already was.

"Public education in California has received \$17 billion less than anticipated over the past two years, leading to teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, shortened school years and cuts to summer school, libraries and extracurricular activities" officials said.

"These unprecedented cuts are changing the face of education for an entire generation of students," said Frank Pugh, president of the California School Boards Association.

Virtually all states are required to balance their operating budgets each year or biennium. Unlike the federal government, states cannot maintain services during an economic downturn by running a deficit. If states continue to cut spending as they have in the current fiscal year, the national economy stands to lose up to 900,000 public- and private-sector jobs.

- 1 The University of **California** is increasing tuition by 32 percent. The University of **California** is increasing tuition by 32 percent and reducing freshman enrollment by 2,300 students; the California State University system will cut enrollment by 40,000 students.

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