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Pittsburgh Joins Massive Rally for Increased Education Funding in Harrisburg

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(Pittsburgh) – Teachers, parents, students, and allies of public education from all across the commonwealth are heading to Harrisburg tomorrow for a rally to restore the nearly \$3 billion in education funding Governor Corbett has cut from the Pennsylvania budget. In Pittsburgh, budget woes have caused the closing of schools and the furloughing of 300 PPS teachers just last year.

“It is clear by now that the Corbett’s plan for education is less funding for schools, fewer opportunities for students, and lower achievement all across the commonwealth,” said Nina Esposito-Visgitis, President of PFT 400. “In all of my years in public education I have learned one thing: You will never help a child learn by investing less in their education.”

“Governor Corbett has slashed and burned public education by cutting nearly \$3 billion in funding, all while giving more tax breaks to wealthy corporations like UPMC and Comcast,” said Gabe Morgan, Pennsylvania state director of 32BJ SEIU. “Before Harrisburg passes another terrible budget that shortchanges our children’s future, lawmakers and Governor Corbett should listen to the thousands of parents, students and teachers who are pouring into the capital to demand fair funding.”

The Pittsburgh contingent will meet at the headquarters of Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT 400) at 7:15 AM for a sendoff event before loading on buses and heading to the capitol, the media is welcome to attend.

What: Sendoff Event for Public Education Funding
When: Tomorrow, June 25th at 7:15 AM
Where: PFT 400 headquarters, 10 South 19th Street, Pittsburgh, PA15203

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