

## \*\*\*Press Advisory\*\*\*

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### **Parents Organize to Speed up the Release of the Rainy Day Funds to Save Public Schools**

**Event:** *Parents, families and educators will convene at Sanchez Elementary School to strategize with the office of Supervisors Ammiano and Daly about how to release the “rainy day funds” to schools sooner rather than later. Parents will share testimony on how the cuts are threatening the education of their children and will urge the City officials to commit to work to create a safety net for San Francisco’s schools.*

**Who:**                   **The office of Supervisors Chris Daly and Tom Ammiano with Mission District families, parents, elders and educators**

**When:** **Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> of 2008 at 9 am to 10:30am**

**Where:** **Sanchez Elementary School (325 Sanchez St. between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> St)**

**Background:** As a result of California’s budget crisis, the Governor has proposed balancing the budget on the backs of our children by cutting education funding by a 10%. This is already having devastating effects on our schools: more than 500 pink slips have already been sent to SF educators, parents and principals are having to make decisions on how to cut programs and staff for next school year—this could only mean disaster for the education of our children and a deepening in the achievement gap. Mayor Newsome and some Supervisors have already committed to release the “rainy day funds” to schools once the cuts from the state are final, however schools need assurance that they will have enough money to run their programs and keep their staff, so our schools need the rainy day funds to be secured sooner rather than later in July or August. Parents are working with the Supervisors to find a way out of this dilemma!

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