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Tell our Superintendent and School Board how budget cuts will affect your student!

[WCCUSD is proposing to cut 66% of Fairmont's budget](#) for the 2024-25 school year—the Superintendent and School Board need to hear from our community about how a cut this large will affect our students.

ACTION 1

Share a public comment at the next [school board meeting](#) on Wednesday June 12 at 6:30pm

Lovonya DeJean Middle School
3400 Macdonald Avenue,
Richmond, CA 94805

<https://zoom.us/j/443916491>
Telephone: (669) 900 6833
Webinar ID: 443 916 49

Note: To make a public comment, you should plan to arrive early around 6pm and no later than 6:30pm. You will have 1-2 minutes to speak (depending on how many people are ahead of you) and the school board will not be able to reply to any public comments.

Public Comment Script

Please use the following as a starting point and make it your own. Speakers have 2 minutes each.

Hello, my name is _____ and I am [a parent of a student/a teacher/a member of the community] at Fairmont Elementary who is deeply concerned about the \$83,000 budget cut proposed for our school next year, which is due in large part to loss of our Title 1 funding. This amounts to two-thirds of our current budget and will negatively impact all of our diverse student body—including about 240 students who qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, 159 English language learners who speak over 30 different languages, and 106 special education students who come to our school from across the district.

If these cuts go through, Fairmont students will lose access to essential services including teacher intervention and tutoring, counseling, online licenses to meet students' unique needs, and supervision during lunch and recess. Teachers will lose funding for basics like classroom materials and professional development. In addition, loss of Title 1 status means Fairmont will no longer qualify for resources such as free or discounted field trips and other programs and grants—losses which are not reflected in the budget numbers.

[Insert personal story about how these cuts will affect your student and our school.]

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If our Title 1 status cannot be restored, we ask that you provide step-down funding for Fairmont as well as the three other district schools who have lost their Title 1 funding. Such drastic cuts will threaten student safety, well-being, and academic success, and those who need school resources the most will be hit the hardest.

Thank you for your time.

ACTION 2

Email the [Superintendent](#) and [School Board](#)

Send to:

Formatted to easily drop into an email:

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Subject: Please restore funding to Fairmont Elementary School

Email Script

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Sincerely,
[your name]