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**School Budget Stop-Gap Effort Raises \$10,000**

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**Since officially organizing this spring, Save Our Schools Castro Valley (SOSCV) has reached its first major fundraising goal of \$10,000 in donations.**

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“We’re energized by the initial interest in our effort, but we realize we have a long way to go,” said SOSCV President Allen Mueller who founded the organization with Brett Pletcher in March.

“We need more volunteers and for the community to realize that this is a community-wide crisis that extends to more than just families with children in the schools,” Mueller said.

With projected school district cuts translating to some \$500 per student, SOSCV hopes to compensate by raising \$350 per student, enabling the nonprofit organization to restore some \$3 million in funding to the district which faces additional financial uncertainty due to the shaky state budget.

“It’s really an exciting and challenging proposition SOSCV has brought forward,” said Interim School Superintendent Jerry Macy. “We started talking several months ago and they have certainly proved themselves.” “The community is excited to step up to preserve our schools, which is both noteworthy and great,” said Macy.

To learn more about the Save Our Schools Castro Valley, visit [www.soscv.org](http://www.soscv.org).

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