Sample NO on Recall OpEd

The Leader Our Students Need: Vote NO on the Recall

At a whopping $276 million, the recall election is a costly distraction from the critical issues California is facing. Instead of using these precious public funds to invest in our students, schools and communities, the state is now holding a special election a year before the next scheduled gubernatorial election.

This is because the recall process was hijacked by deep-pocketed special interest groups, which received an unprecedented three-month extension to gather the required signatures. These groups want to roll back decades of progress in California, eliminate health care, weaken workplace safety laws, defund public education, and eliminate union jobs.

Meanwhile, Gov. Newsom has been making the tough decisions to lead California safely through the pandemic, providing historic resources for the restart and recovery of our public schools and colleges. From making record investments in social and emotional supports to expanding affordable health care and child care, Gov. Newsom continues to be a strong advocate for California’s public schools, colleges, working families and communities.

Here in [SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME] and across the state, Gov. Newsom’s record funding for public education will make a huge difference as students arrive on campuses for the new school year with diverse needs and pandemic-related trauma. His plan to expand transitional kindergarten and invest in the resources students deserve will help give our youngest learners a promising start to a bright future. And his focus on educational equity will ensure that our public school system serves all students and doesn’t leave anyone behind.

During the pandemic and beyond, Gov. Newsom is the leader our students need. Vote NO on the recall — let’s get back to rebuilding and recovering from this crisis, together.