

URGENT-CONTACT YOUR SENATOR TODAY!!

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As you may or may not know, the Kentucky Legislative leaders must trim the budget because of massive shortfalls. It is estimated that we will have \$1.5 billion in revenue shortage in the two-year state budget that takes effect July 1. Last Thursday, House leaders proposed a 2010-2012 budget plan that includes eliminating two days of public schools.

The national average is 180 days, and the international average is around 200 days, Kentucky is at 177 days. As you can see, we are still lower than most other states by 3 days.

Our Kentucky Commissioner of Education, Terry Holliday, said in the news article on Friday, that shortening the school year at time when many other states are trying to add days would move us backward.

Cutting two school days would endanger efforts to boost student achievement. We should never compromise on educating our children. We should not balance the budget on our children's education and future.

NOTE: The Kentucky House of Representatives passed the budget item that would cut two days from the school calendar. This budget bill has now been sent to the Kentucky Senate for vote. **Kentucky PTA is opposed to cutting these two days from the school calendar.**

Call or e-mail your legislators immediately and let them know that you do not want them to cut two school days to balance the budget. Send this alert out to all your members of your PTA.

Do not let this happen. **Call now**, it is important that your voice be heard!

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