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### School cuts need scrutiny

Our schools are part of our community fabric, and these horrific budget cuts hurt our community.

Clearly, we all need to do what we can to protest the cuts at the state level. But, given the state deficit, we also need to examine all of the non-teaching functions (security, maintenance, purchasing, etc.) to see how cities can support the schools. Specifically, cities and school districts should do a side-by-side comparison, identifying where similar functions are being conducted, whether these functions can be consolidated based on legal and practical considerations, and what cost savings could result. This often happens in business, when times are tough.

Such an initiative will present challenges. But our kids deserve that we at least try.

— **CLIFF NUMARK**

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*Editor's note: Cliff Numark is a candidate for Torrance City Council.*