

Students walk out of Calif. school

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ALAMEDA, Calif. - Hundreds of students walked out of class at Alameda (Calif.) High School Wednesday, protesting the school board's axing of sports programs. The chanting and sign-waving students ended their walk-out with a rally inside the school's auditorium. "It's going to affect our entire school, not just the students who play," 14-year-old freshman football player Ahmad Shaghasi told the Alameda Times-Star. "The board is making decisions that will make us suffer. It affects our future." The school board is facing a \$4.5 million budget gap. In addition to the \$265,000 in sports program cuts, the board decided to put a \$120 residential parcel tax that would expire after four years on the June ballot. The board backed off of an initial proposal to cut out all sports spending, totaling \$465,000.

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