



What is CPR?

CPR is a grassroots movement by citizens in Aiken County, SC to:

- 1) Reduce the negative impact of state budget cuts to education on the learning experiences of students
- 2) Through a local, non-profit organization (PEP), provide flexible dollars for innovation and strategic impact
- 3) Make a statement: those of us who believe that quality public education is the cornerstone of the economic health of our state *also* believe it deserves a more stable funding mechanism.

How will CPR work?

We are asking the citizens of Aiken County, and particularly the 41,000 of us who saw our property taxes go down when school operations millage was removed, to give back at least some of that tax break. We know not everyone is in a position to do this during these tough economic times, but even a gift of \$20 a month would make a huge difference if we all work together.

On April 21, we would like to have 100 people join us at the Aiken County School Board meeting to make your CPR pledge ([print the pledge sheet here](#)). Pledges may also be paid by check directly to PEP or online at our website using a credit card.

How will the funds be used?

CPR funds will be donated to PEP, and through a PEP-district collaboration, programs that are proven to work will be identified and sustained through the economic downturn as funds allow. As much as possible, we want to preserve and protect the quality learning environment for students during the economic crisis. Top priorities are likely to include:

- 1) reading success in grades K-3
- 2) instructional materials, including technology, that are critical for teaching
- 3) matching funds to attract major grants (to stretch our dollars even farther)
- 4) equipping classes to accommodate larger numbers of students, as necessary (science equipment, desks, textbooks, etc.)

In keeping with long-standing PEP policy, funds will *not* be used to pay salaries. No local effort can replace taxpayer funding in sufficient amounts to pay personnel in a steady, reliable manner, and we will not try to do so.

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Count me in! I am donating my property tax reduction back to support public education in Aiken County.

Enclosed is my check for _____.

OR

CIRCLE ONE

I hereby pledge _____

per year / per month

beginning on

_____ (date) to Public Education Partners.

Payments will be made in the following manner (choose one):

_____ Checks will be mailed. Please send reminders to me at my address.

_____ By credit card online through the PEP website www.PublicEdPartners.org

Name: _____

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Show Your Heart!

Bring this pledge card and
your check to the
Aiken County Board of
Education meeting on
April 21, 2009