

# Drumming For Your Life<sup>SM</sup>

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## READ OR GO TO JAIL!

60% of Urban School Children do not graduate from High School. Forty percent of those who do read at only a 4th grade level.

### THE LINK BETWEEN LITERACY AND PRISON

**Failing Reading Scores and Building Prison Cells is Big Business.**

- 2008 - The Government spends 23,000 a year keeping one criminal behind bars
- 2007 - One of America's top prison company's CCA Corrections Corporation of America made a 35 million dollar profit.
- 2011 - One in every 178 U.S. residents will live in prison. By 2011, America will have more than 1.7 million men and women in prison, an increase of more than 192,000 from 2006. That increase could cost taxpayers as much as \$27.5 billion over the next five years beyond what they currently spend on prisons.

**Save a Mind!**

**Contact your City Officers, Council Members, State Senator or County Supervisor to request funding for Drumming for Your Life's Reading and Rhythm Program!**

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### The State of California

**In California "...if the child isn't reading on 4th grade level when tested they will plan to budget building another jail cell. Based on this year's fourth-grade reading scores,"** observes Paul Schwartz, a Coalition "Principal in Residence" at the U. S. Department of Education, said "California is already planning the number of new prison cells it will need in the next century." from Democracy and Equity: **California will soon spend more on its prisons than on its public universities.**

PRISON VS. EDUCATION SPENDING REVEALS CALIFORNIA PRIORITIES 5/07 It has been projected that over the next five years, the state's budget for locking up people will rise by nine percent annually, compared with its spending on higher education, which will rise only by five percent. By the 2012-2013 fiscal year, writes Maya Harris in the San Francisco Chronicle, \$15.4 billion will be spent on incarcerating Californians, as compared with \$15.3 billion spent on educating the states citizens.

**SOURCE: LITERACY AND NATIONAL READING STATISTICS, TEACHING READING: EDUCATIONAL CYBERPLAYGROUND**

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