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Educators to Protest Governor's Assault on Education:
Prop. 98 Funding Cuts, Loss of Teacher Tenure, Pensions & Pay.
March to Urge Voters Not to Sign Governor's Petitions

On Friday, March 18th, hundreds of educators, members of the California Federation of Teachers (CFT), will convene at the Marriott Hotel, Manhattan Beach *to respond to the governor's assault on public education funding, educators' retirement, job security and pay.*

A Friday news conference featuring CFT President Mary Bergan will outline educators' response to Gov. Schwarzenegger's broken promise to restore Prop. 98 funding, to his ballot initiative attacking teachers' job security, and ways to protect education funding, attract and retain teachers.

The educators will follow the news conference with a march to a nearby shopping mall where they will urge voters not to sign petitions to qualify the governor's ballot measures attacking public education.

"The governor has broken his promise to restore billions he cut from public education, in violation of the Prop. 98 funding guarantee," said CFT President Mary Bergan. "This year, the governor's budget proposes to cut another \$2.3 billion from schools. And he's also attacking teachers' retirement and job security. That won't help make our schools better. We need solutions, not attacks on education."

WHAT: Educators' Convention, News Conference & March

WHO: CFT President Mary Bergan

WHEN: Friday, March 18th, 2005 @ 11:30AM

**WHERE: Marriott Manhattan Beach – Room 200B
1400 Parkview Avenue, Manhattan Beach**

As the statewide affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, the CFT represents teachers and school employees in California from early childhood education through the university level.

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