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Berkeley teachers, parents, and community rally against budget cuts, for increased revenues

Hundreds of Berkeley teachers, school staff, parents and supporters will hold a rally Wednesday, April 9, in front of the Berkeley Unified School District building to protest the governor's budget cuts, which has resulted in dozens of layoff notices for Berkeley teachers. Large numbers of other school employees may be laid off as well, if the governor's proposed \$4.8 billion cut to education goes through. The BFT is calling instead for fair increases in taxes on the rich and closing corporate tax loopholes to fund the schools instead of hurting the future of the students. Teachers who received layoff notices will speak and stage the premiere performance of a melodrama featuring action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger. The teachers will be joined by Berkeley mayor Tom Bates, BUSD superintendent Bill Huyett, California Federation of Teachers president Marty Hittelman, and the Labor Solidarity Chorus.

WHEN:	Wednesday, April 9, 5:00 P.M.
WHERE:	BUSD Administration building 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.
WHO:	Laid off teachers, Tom Bates, Superintendent Bill Huyett, CFT president Marty Hittelman, and many others
WHAT:	Rally against school budget cuts, for more state revenues

The California Federation of Teachers represents faculty and other school employees in public and private schools and colleges, from early childhood through higher education.