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**Berkeley Teachers to Fan Out in Community,  
Talk About Contract Negotiations**

Without a raise since the 2008-09 school year, and falling behind due to increasing employee contributions to health insurance plans, teachers from all 21 Berkeley school sites will be out in force talking to citizens and local shop owners about the state of negotiations between their union, the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, and the Berkeley Unified School District administration. Teachers will be walking all of the major commercial areas in Berkeley. Cynthia Allman, BFT Executive Secretary said, "My students need a well-supported, highly valued and well-compensated teacher in front of them every day. The human talent of this district needs to be the number one financial priority for our district leaders."

**Who:** **Berkeley teachers**

**What:** **Walk and talk with citizens and local shop owners about the need for a fair contract**

**When:** **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> after school in various locations**

**Where:** **Teachers leave Malcolm X Elementary at 2:45 p.m. for Ashby and Adeline, then south on Adeline; Teachers leave King Middle School at 3:15 p.m. for North Shattuck ("Gourmet Ghetto") area; Teachers leave Emerson Elementary at 3:30 p.m. for College and Ashby**

**For more information, and for more locations, call Britt Alamo, 510-847-6737.**

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