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**In regards to Public Education layoff notices  
California Federation of Teachers President  
Marty Hittelman said the following:**

“Issuing thousands of layoff notices to teachers and school support employees is the completely unnecessary result of bad priorities in our state government. With California already 47th in the country in per student spending, we are now headed straight to the bottom. What kind of democracy allows funding for public education and other necessary social services to be strangled by a small minority of legislators? We could keep our teachers in the classroom with fair and reasonable taxes paid by those who can afford them: the rich and large corporations.”

**Marty Hittelman is available to comment on the issuing of  
March 15<sup>th</sup> notices.**

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