



## **NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY FOR Friday, January 16, 2004**

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### **Educators' 2004 Agenda: Protect Education Funding; Maintain Access to Higher Education**

On Friday, January 16th, the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) will hold its annual Education Agenda news conference. Educators will outline their 2004 Agenda, comment on Governor Schwarzenegger's education budget proposal and outline ways to maintain achievement gains during the fiscal crisis.

"California schools are laying off faculty and staff, increasing class sizes and reducing access to higher education," said CFT President Mary Bergan. "California's high standards and curriculum and materials tied to those standards were beginning to show results. Cuts in funding now threaten to undo that progress. We are concerned about the budget's potential impact on other state programs, and would prefer that California ease its budget crisis by increasing revenues instead."

**WHAT: Teachers' Education Agenda  
News Conference & Teleconference**

**WHO: CFT President Mary Bergan**

**WHEN: Friday, January 16th, 2004 @ 10:00 AM**

**WHERE: CFT Legislative Offices - Sacramento  
1127 11th Street, 8th Floor**

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