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**Teachers President Responds to  
Governor Schwarzenegger, Republican Legislators  
Attempts to Tie Repeal of Safeguards  
on School District Outsourcing**

California Federation of Teachers President Mary Bergan released the following statement today regarding apparent attempts by Governor Schwarzenegger and the Republican legislators to tie repeal of safeguards on school district outsourcing (SB 1419 - 2002) to the state budget.

“We are always willing to discuss ways to improve our public schools. But holding up an already-late state budget in an effort to force immediate compromise won't produce good results for our schools. Making a last-minute demand in closed door negotiations on a late state budget will not bring about thoughtful change. SB 1419 makes sure that savings are real before public services are outsourced to private contractors. We shouldn't rush to repeal safeguards that include important protections on who comes into contact with our students.

The savings projected by the proponents of repealing SB 1419 are false savings. Time and again it's been shown that savings claimed by for-profit companies wanting to take over public work fail to materialize. Before we put another group of committed public school workers on the streets, we should make sure that savings are real.”

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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.