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**Educators to Propose Alternatives to State Budget Cuts;
CFT President Hittelman to Provide Update On Budget Deficit**

On Friday, April 11, hundreds of delegates to the annual California Federation of Teachers convention will meet at the Marriott Oakland City Center Hotel in Oakland to address cuts to school funding, layoff notices sent to thousands of teachers and school staff, how to increase state revenues, and other challenges. The convention will continue through Sunday.

CFT President Marty Hittelman will provide an update on the state budget situation at a news conference before the convention begins. Hittelman will be accompanied by educators who received March 15 notices.

“Students and teachers didn’t cause this budget problem, and they should not be forced to pay the price,” said CFT President Marty Hittelman. “No child gets a second chance at their childhood or youth. The governor and legislature have to find a way to raise revenues.”

Also at the convention: Legislator of the Year award to go to Tony Mendoza, Assemblyman from Artesia; delegates to vote on resolutions relating to K-12 assessments, single payer health care, the war in Iraq, and immigration, among others.

WHAT: Educators’ News Conference and Convention

WHEN: Friday, April 11, 2008, 9:15 am (News Conference)

WHO: CFT President Marty Hittelman, teachers and school employees

**WHERE: Marriott Oakland City Center, Room 201
1001 Broadway, Oakland**

To view the complete Convention schedule, visit the CFT website:
http://www.cft.org/home_news/cftconv08.html