

Statewide Mobilization

Whereas, Governor Schwarzenegger's, January 2008, Budget Proposal calls for mid-year cuts to education in 2007-08 as well as for the suspension of Proposition 98 in 2008-09, and

Whereas, California's public educational institutions are already grossly underfunded, and

Whereas, CFT's "special interest" is the children of California, and we believe the resulting cuts will undermine quality public education, and

Whereas, there is a need for a clear public response by education employees, parents, and their allies in the broader community, and

Whereas, by mobilizing our members together with students and parents, we can defeat this attack on public education and win the resources that our schools and colleges so desperately need,

Therefore be it resolved that the California Federation of Teachers work in defense of full funding for education and all necessary social services, and

Be it further resolved that the CFT support closing of tax loopholes that benefit the very wealthy, reassessing non-residential property, the reinstatement of the Vehicle License Fee on expensive cars, the reinstatement of the top income tax brackets, the implementation of a severance tax on oil produced in California, and other sources of revenue that require those who benefit economically help finance the system that has helped them to prosper, and

Be it finally resolved that the California Federation of Teachers will participate in statewide and local rallies calling for full public educational funding.

M/S/P February 4, 2008 by the CFT Executive Council