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"Day of Teacher Action"

Community-based events to support Berkeley teachers

Teachers are gathering at several key community locations for a "Day of Teacher Action" in support of Berkeley Federation of Teachers' (BFT) contract negotiations and in protest of the Governor's proposed budget. BFT has been without a contract for 194 days. In these difficult times a fair contract is more important than ever to recruit and retain good teachers and deliver the best education possible for our students. The Governor's budget will slash funds for education, making negotiations much more difficult. Even worse, the Republican legislators' stale "no new taxes" pledge is holding all state programs hostage. The BFT believes we could negotiate a good contract and preserve necessary state programs if the Governor and Legislature would agree to restore California's top income tax brackets and close corporate tax loopholes.

Below are the times and locations of these events. For more information please contact BFT President Cathy Campbell.

WHAT: Day of Teacher Action

WHEN: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Berkeley Bowl at Oregon Street and Shattuck Avenue; College Avenue and Ashby Avenue; Andronico's Market at Shattuck Avenue and Cedar Street; Andronico's Market at Telegraph Avenue and Derby Street Monterey Market at Hopkins Avenue and Colusa Avenue; Solano Avenue at Colusa Avenue; and Claremont and Ashby Avenue.

The Berkeley Federation of Teachers represents certificated employees in the Berkeley Unified School District.

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