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Dear BFT Member,

I'm writing to encourage you to review the attached teacher-produced materials on ideas for participating in this year's commemoration of Cesar Chavez' life and legacy, and to conduct a service learning lesson with your class this year. While the official BUSD Day of Service and Learning is March 30, 2012, in Berkeley a citywide commemoration period extends from March 20, 2012 to April 23, 2012, so teachers should consider implementing a related lesson any time in this period.

The attached materials are based on real lessons used by Berkeley teachers with Berkeley students successfully in the past, and are meant to be uncomplicated and accessible to all. The guide is filled with practical ideas. BFT wishes to thank Liz Fuentes and the Thousand Oaks staff for sharing their ideas and successes with the broader community of teachers.

In addition, the BFT Executive Board has created a fund to which teachers can apply to purchase materials you may need to try one of the attached ideas in your classroom (such as copies of the book Farmer Duck). We encourage you to use this simple, short application form at the end of this packet to request supplies that will assist you. There is no deadline for the grant application, but we encourage you to get your request in as soon as you know your plans and needs. The BFT Officers Council will review all grant applications.

We encourage you to also consider creating service learning projects, AND grant applications, to commemorate Black History Month, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Fred Korematsu or Harvey Milk. This grant fund is meant to give teachers resources to honor many civil rights heroes through service learning projects.

Please feel free to send us feedback on this guide, and please do make use of the BFT funds available by applying for a grant.

In Unity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cathy Campbell'.

Cathy Campbell
BFT President

**Berkeley Federation of Teachers
Social Justice Service Learning Grant Application**

Name:

Grade Level:

Site:

Project Overview: (Three-four sentences describing what you and your students plan to do.)

Materials Needed: (Please describe the materials needed, along with amounts. For example: 10 copies of "Farmer Duck".)

Budget: (Please list cost of items and total budget. Use the back for more space.)

Please send your application to BFT via district mail. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the BFT Officers Council. There is no specific deadline, but we encourage you to apply once you have a good sense of your project and your needs.