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Teachers union set to announce opposition to after-school measure

SACRAMENTO — One of the state's largest teachers unions will announce today it will oppose Proposition 49, the

ballot initiative backed by actor Arnold Schwarzenegger that would expand after-school programs for children.

By dedicating money for after-school programs, Proposition 49 "threatens other valuable and necessary programs by locking up funds needed to respond to the needs of vulnerable children," said Mary Bergan, president of the California Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 100,000 teachers and school staff members in California.

On the Lighter Side...

Ants

The teacher was giving her class of 7-year-olds a natural history lesson. "Worker ants," she told them, "can carry pieces of food five times their own weight. What do you conclude from that?"

One child was ready with the answer: "They don't have a union."