



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.1e

**Meeting Date:** January 17, 2019

**Subject:** Approve Waiver Request and Affidavit – Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions at Sacramento City Unified School District on November 16, 2018

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☒ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

**Division:** Business Services

**Recommendation:** Approve the submission of the affidavit to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Background/Rationale:** In accordance with Education Code Section 46392 and CCR, Title 5, Section 428, the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) has been materially decrease because of the imminence of a major safety hazard. Approval of this request will authorize use of the estimated days of attendance in the computation of LCFF apportionments for Sacramento City Unified School District on November 16, 2018 due to the emergency conditions listed below.

Due to emergency conditions resulting in SCUSD being in a hazardous zone, SCUSD was closed as a district on November 16, 2018. The Average Daily Attendance (ADA) was 38,402 at the October 19, 2018 count (2<sup>nd</sup> School Month).

Under the provisions of Education Code 46392, the District may request allowance for loss of ADA for these schools because of emergency conditions.

The implications are as follows:

- Fiscal: Failure to file this waiver request would cost the district approximately \$3.07 million in lost Local Control Funding
- Personnel: None
- Program: None
- Legal: Education Code Section 46392 and CCR, Title 5, Section 428
- Other: None

**Financial Considerations:** Failure to file this waiver request would cost the district approximately \$3.07 million in lost Local Control Funding.

**LCAP Goal(s):** Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; and Operational Excellence.

**Documents Attached:**

1. Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions Form J-13A (Rev. 12-2017)
2. J-13A Supplemental Form
3. Email from Air Quality Management Team
4. Approved Board Resolution 3045: Poor Air Quality Monitoring and Guidance
5. List of media discussing closure of schools due to hazardous air quality

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** N/A

**Submitted by:** Dr. John Quinto, Chief Business Officer

**Approved by:** Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS  
FORM J-13A, REVISED DECEMBER 2017

**SECTION A: REQUEST INFORMATION**

- This form is used to obtain approval of attendance and instructional time credit pursuant to *Education Code (EC)* sections 41422, 46200, 46391, 46392 and *California Code of Regulations (CCR)*, Title 5, Section 428.
- Only schools that report Principal Apportionment average daily attendance (ADA) for the purpose of calculating a K–12 Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) entitlement should submit this form.
- Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form.

**PART I: LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA)**

LEA NAME:		COUNTY CODE:	DISTRICT CODE:	CHARTER NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE):
LEA SUPERINTENDENT OR ADMINISTRATOR NAME:				FISCAL YEAR:
ADDRESS:			COUNTY NAME:	
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
CONTACT NAME:	TITLE:	PHONE:	E-MAIL:	

**PART II: LEA TYPE AND SCHOOL SITE INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST** (Choose only one LEA type):

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> Choose one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> All district school sites <input type="checkbox"/> Select district school sites	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (COE)</b> Choose one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> All COE school sites <input type="checkbox"/> Select COE school sites	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHARTER SCHOOL</b>
--	---	--

**PART III: CONDITION(S) APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST:**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE:</b> When one or more schools were closed because of conditions described in <i>EC</i> Section 41422. LCFF apportionments should be maintained and instructional time credited in Section B for the school(s) without regard to the fact that the school(s) were closed on the dates listed, due to the nature of the emergency. Approval of this request authorizes the LEA to disregard these days in the computation of ADA (per <i>EC</i> Section 41422) without applicable penalty and obtain credit for instructional time for the days and the instructional minutes that would have been regularly offered on those days pursuant to <i>EC</i> Section 46200, et seq. <input type="checkbox"/> There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MATERIAL DECREASE:</b> When one or more schools were kept open but experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to <i>EC</i> Section 46392 and <i>CCR</i> , Title 5, Section 428. Material decrease requests that include all school sites within the school district must demonstrate that the school district as a whole experienced a material decrease in attendance. Material decrease requests for one or more but not all sites within the school district must show that each site included in the request experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to <i>EC</i> Section 46392 and <i>CCR</i> , Title 5, Section 428. The request for substitution of estimated days of attendance for actual days of attendance is in accordance with the provisions of <i>EC</i> Section 46392. Approval of this request will authorize use of the estimated days of attendance in the computation of LCFF apportionments for the described school(s) and dates in Section C during which school attendance was materially decreased due to the nature of the emergency. <input type="checkbox"/> There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS:</b> When attendance records have been lost or destroyed as described in <i>EC</i> Section 46391. Requesting the use of estimated attendance in lieu of attendance that cannot be verified due to the loss or destruction of attendance records. This request is made pursuant to <i>EC</i> Section 46391: <i>"Whenever any attendance records of any district have been lost or destroyed, making it impossible for an accurate report on average daily attendance for the district for any fiscal year to be rendered, which fact shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the affidavits of the members of the governing board of the district and the county superintendent of schools, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall estimate the average daily attendance of such district. The estimated average daily attendance shall be deemed to be the actual average daily attendance for that fiscal year for the making of apportionments to the school district from the State School Fund."</i>

**SECTION B: SCHOOL CLOSURE**

☐ Not Applicable (Proceed to Section C)

**PART I: NATURE OF EMERGENCY** (Describe in detail.)

☐ Supplemental Page(s) Attached

**PART II: SCHOOL INFORMATION** (Use the supplemental Excel form at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 10 lines are needed for this request. Attach a copy of a school calendar. If the request is for multiple school sites, and the sites have differing school calendars, attach a copy of each different school calendar to the request.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
School Name	School Code	Site Type	Days in School Calendar	Emergency Days Built In	Built In Emergency Days Used	Date(s) of Emergency Closure	Closure Dates Requested	Total Number of Days Requested

**PART III: CLOSURE HISTORY** (List closure history for all schools in Part II. Refer to the instructions for an example.)

A	B	C	D	E	F
School Name	School Code	Fiscal Year	Closure Dates	Nature	Weather Related Yes/No

**SECTION C: MATERIAL DECREASE**

☐ Not Applicable (Proceed to Section D)

**PART I: NATURE OF EMERGENCY** (Describe in detail.)

☐ Supplemental Page(s) Attached

**PART II: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION** (Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 10 lines are needed for this request. Refer to the instructions for information on completing the form including the definition of "normal" attendance.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G*	H
School Name	School Code	"Normal" Attendance (October/May)	Dates Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance	Date of Emergency	Actual Attendance	Qualifier: 90% or Less (F/C)	Net Increase of Apportionment Days (C-F)
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
			-				
Total:							

**PART III: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION FOR CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOLS** (Provide the attendance in hours. Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 5 lines are needed for this request. Refer to the instructions for information on completing the form including the definition of "normal" attendance.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G*	H
School Name	School Code	"Normal" Attendance Hours	Date Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance	Date of Emergency	Actual Attendance Hours	Qualifier: 90% or Less (F/C)	Net Increase of Hours (C-F)
Total:							

\*Qualifier should be 90% or less except when the governor declares a state of emergency or in the case of a Necessary Small School (NSS) site.

**SECTION D: LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS** ☐ Not Applicable (Proceed to Section E)

**PART I: PERIOD OF REQUEST** The entire period covered by the lost or destroyed records commences with \_\_\_\_\_ up to and including \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART II: CIRCUMSTANCES** (Describe below circumstances and extent of records lost or destroyed.)

**PART III: PROPOSAL** (Describe below the proposal to reconstruct attendance records or estimate attendance in the absence of records.)

## SECTION E: AFFIDAVIT

**PART I: AFFIDAVIT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS** – All applicable sections below must be completed to process this J-13A request.

We, members constituting a majority of the governing board of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements are true and are based on official records.

Board Members Names

Board Members Signatures

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

At least a majority of the members of the governing board shall execute this affidavit.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, California  
(Name) (Signature)

---

### PART II: APPROVAL BY SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER (Only applicable to charter school requests)

Superintendent (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing LEA Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature)

---

### PART III: AFFIDAVIT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The information and statements contained in the foregoing request are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

County Superintendent of Schools (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, California  
(Name) (Signature)

COE contact/individual responsible for completing this section:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, FORM J-13A (REVISED DECEMBER 2017)  
SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE  
SECTION B - PART II: SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**LEA NAME:**

**Sacramento City Unified School District**

**FISCAL YEAR: 18/19**

Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form. Before printing, select and hide all unused rows. Contact CDE if the request requires more than the allotted rows.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
School Name	School Code	Site Type	Days in School Calendar	Emergency Days Built In	Built In Emergency Days Used	Date(s) of Emergency Closure	Closure Dates Requested	Total Number of Days Requested
A M Winn Elementary K-8 Waldorf	6154900	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Abraham Lincoln Elementary	6099808	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Albert Einstein MS	6059273	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Alice Birney Waldorf-Inspired K-8	6034078	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
American Legion HS	3430154	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Arthur A. Benjamin Health Prof	0108951	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Bret Harte Elementary	6033807	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
C K McClatchy HS	3435419	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Caleb Greenwood	6033815	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
California MS	6059281	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Camellia Basic Elementary	6033823	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Capital City School	3430519	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Caroline Wenzel Elementary	6033831	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Cesar Chavez Elementary	6119440	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Crocker/Riverside Elementary	6034243	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
David Lubin Elementary	6033880	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Earl Warren Elementary	6033906	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Edward Kemble Elementary	6033914	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Elder Creek Elementary	6033930	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Ethel I Baker Elementary	6033948	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Ethel Phillips Elementary	6033955	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Father Keith B Kenny Elementary	6110662	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Fern Bacon MS	6059307	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Genevieve Didion K-8	6096168	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Golden Empire Elementary	6097083	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
H W Harkness Elementary	6033997	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Hiram W Johnson HS	3434636	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Hollywood Park Elementary	6034003	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Hubert H. Bancroft Elementary	6034011	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, FORM J-13A (REVISED DECEMBER 2017)  
SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE  
SECTION B - PART II: SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**LEA NAME:**

**Sacramento City Unified School District**

**FISCAL YEAR: 18/19**

Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form. Before printing, select and hide all unused rows. Contact CDE if the request requires more than the allotted rows.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
School Name	School Code	Site Type	Days in School Calendar	Emergency Days Built In	Built In Emergency Days Used	Date(s) of Emergency Closure	Closure Dates Requested	Total Number of Days Requested
Isador Cohen Elementary	6034029	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
James W Marshall Elementary	6096150	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
John Bidwell Elementary	6034045	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
John Cabrillo Elementary	6034052	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
John D Sloat Elementary	6034060	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
John F Kennedy HS	3434768	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
John H. Still K-8	6059323	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
John Morse Therapeutic Center	0113209	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Kit Carson 7-12	6061832	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Leataata Floyd Elementary	6034037	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Leonardo da Vinci K - 8 School	6059315	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Luther Burbank HS	3431012	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Mark Twain Elementary	6034136	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Martin Luther King Jr K-8	6107239	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Matsuyama Elementary	6111389	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Nicholas Elementary	6034169	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
O W Erlewine Elementary	6034177	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Oak Ridge Elementary	6034185	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Pacific Elementary	6034193	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Parkway Elementary School	6034201	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Peter Burnett Elementary	6034219	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Phoebe A Hearst Elementary	6034227	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Pony Express Elementary	6034235	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Rosa Parks K-8 School	6059299	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Rosemont HS	0101972	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Sam Brannan MS	6059356	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
School of Engineering and Science	0114546	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Sequoia Elementary	6034250	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1
Success Academy K-8	6117097	Traditional	180	0	0	11/16/2018	11/16/2018	1

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, FORM J-13A (REVISED DECEMBER 2017)  
SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE  
SECTION B - PART II: SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**LEA NAME:**

**Sacramento City Unified School District**

FISCAL YEAR: 18/19

Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/i13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form. Before printing, select and hide all unused rows. Contact CDE if the request requires more than the allotted rows.

[illegible]

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, FORM J-13A (REVISED DECEMBER 2017)  
SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE  
SECTION B - PART II: SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**LEA NAME:** **Sacramento City Unified School District** **FISCAL YEAR:** **18/19**

*Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form. Before printing, select and hide all unused rows. Contact CDE if the request requires more than the allotted rows.*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
School Name	School Code	Site Type	Days in School Calendar	Emergency Days Built In	Built In Emergency Days Used	Date(s) of Emergency Closure	Closure Dates Requested	Total Number of Days Requested

## Erika Zavaleta

---

**From:** Alex Barrios  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** Erika Zavaleta; Joette Maxwell  
**Subject:** FW: Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Here is the written communication. There was also communication by phone between me and the executive director of the air quality management district when seeking guidance. Thanks.

---

**From:** "Bongiorno. Brenda" <bongiornob@saccounty.net>  
**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 8:51 AM  
**To:** Xanthi Pinkerton in Communications <xpinkert@egusd.net>, Alex Barrios <Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu>, "nurse@centerusd.org" <nurse@centerusd.org>, "lbecker@centerusd.org" <lbecker@centerusd.org>, "rbritton@centerusd.org" <rbritton@centerusd.org>, "vcarmon@natomasunified.org" <vcarmon@natomasunified.org>, "kphillips@natomasunified.org" <kphillips@natomasunified.org>, Paula Kuhlman <Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu>, Victoria Benson <Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu>, Lisa Stevens <Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu>, "Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu" <Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu>, "Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org" <Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org>, Sundeep Dosanjh in Communications <sdosanjh@egusd.net>, Suzanne Thibault in Communications <SThibaul@egusd.net>, Tramaine Lott in Communications <tlott@egusd.net>, "Dthigpen@fcusd.org" <Dthigpen@fcusd.org>, Catalina Martinez <Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu>, Joette Maxwell <Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu>, Andrea Starace <Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu>, "cvanallen@scoe.net" <cvanallen@scoe.net>, "jwoodward@scoe.net" <jwoodward@scoe.net>, "therrera@scoe.net" <therrera@scoe.net>, "bflory@scoe.net" <bflory@scoe.net>, "trent.allen@sanjuan.edu" <trent.allen@sanjuan.edu>, "raj.rai@sanjuan.edu" <raj.rai@sanjuan.edu>, Jim Sanders <jsanders@natomasunified.org>, "erovai@saclibrary.org" <erovai@saclibrary.org>, "zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org" <zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org>, "lbrown@sjwd.org" <lbrown@sjwd.org>, Jim Sanders <jsanders@natomasunified.org>, Tom Anderson <tomanderson@natomasunified.org>, Rebecca Wall <Rebecca-Wall@scusd.edu>  
**Subject:** Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

### Sacramento County Public Health Information for School Districts Regarding Ongoing Smoke-impacted Air Quality

At this time, the Sacramento County Health Officer is recommending that schools minimize the smoke exposure to students by canceling or moving all outdoor activities such as recess, PE, and after-school athletics indoors. However, each school should also evaluate its indoor air quality and air filtration and based on each school's evaluation decide if the school should remain open. N95 masks are not recommended for children due to the impact on breathing.

Additionally, some students and staff will be more affected by the smoke. Therefore, schools are encouraged to accommodate families that choose to keep their children home due to

health concerns related to the air quality by excusing absences and allowing students to make-up their work.

Sacramento County Public Health will continue to coordinate with the Sac Metro Air District to monitor the air quality and will advise the school districts accordingly.

Thank you,

Brenda Bongiorno

Communication & Media Officer, Sacramento County

[BongiornoB@SacCounty.net](mailto:BongiornoB@SacCounty.net) / 916-874-7798 office / 916-216-5825 cell

Departments:

Health Services – Public, Primary & Behavioral (Media Line 916-875-0973)

Child, Family & Adult Services – CPS/Adult Services

Environmental Management – Health/Compliance

Technology – eGovt/Enterprise Operations



---

**From:** Bongiorno. Brenda

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 3:29 PM

**To:** 'Xanthi Pinkerton in Communications' <xpinkert@egusd.net>; Alex Barrios <Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu>; nurse@centerusd.org; lbecker@centerusd.org; rbritton@centerusd.org; vcarmon@natomasunified.org; kphillips@natomasunified.org; Paula Kuhlman <Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu>; Victoria Benson <Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu>; Lisa Stevens <Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu>; Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu; Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org; Sundeep Dosanjh in Communications <sdosanjh@egusd.net>; Suzanne Thibault in Communications <SThibaul@egusd.net>; Tramaine Lott in Communications <tlott@egusd.net>; Dthigpen@fcusd.org; Catalina Martinez <Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu>; Joette Maxwell <Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu>; Andrea Starace <Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu>; cvanallen@scoe.net; jwoodward@scoe.net; therrera@scoe.net; bflory@scoe.net; trent.allen@sanjuan.edu; raj.raai@sanjuan.edu; jsanders@natomasunified.org; erovai@saclibrary.org; zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org; lbrown@sjwd.org; jsanders@natomasunified.org; Tom Anderson <tomanderson@natomasunified.org>

**Subject:** RE: Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

Hi Xanthi,

The air quality will be far better inside than outdoors – but some smoke smell can be expected whether children are home or at school. Keep doors and windows closed as much as possible and use the HVAC systems to filter the indoor air. Sacramento County Public Health is following the air district's AQI Recommendations for Activity that includes minimizing smoke exposure by having children limit outdoor activity and stay indoors when possible with windows and doors closed. Public Health is not advising the use of masks. Risks outweigh the benefits of mask use and for children most masks will not fit small faces appropriately. Instead stay indoors and limit outdoor activity when you see or smell smoke.

Thank you,

Brenda Bongiorno

Communication & Media Officer, Sacramento County

[BongiornoB@SacCounty.net](mailto:BongiornoB@SacCounty.net) / 916-874-7798 office / 916-216-5825 cell

Departments:

Health Services – Public, Primary & Behavioral (Media Line 916-875-0973)  
Child, Family & Adult Services – CPS/Adult Services  
Environmental Management – Health/Compliance  
Technology – eGovt/Enterprise Operations



---

**From:** Xanthi Pinkerton in Communications <[xpinkert@egusd.net](mailto:xpinkert@egusd.net)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 3:13 PM

**To:** Alex Barrios <[Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu](mailto:Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu)>; Bongiorno. Brenda <[bongiornob@saccounty.net](mailto:bongiornob@saccounty.net)>; [nurse@centerusd.org](mailto:nurse@centerusd.org); [lbecker@centerusd.org](mailto:lbecker@centerusd.org); [rbritton@centerusd.org](mailto:rbritton@centerusd.org); [vcarmon@natomasunified.org](mailto:vcarmon@natomasunified.org); [kphillips@natomasunified.org](mailto:kphillips@natomasunified.org); Paula Kuhlman <[Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu](mailto:Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu)>; Victoria Benson <[Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu](mailto:Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu)>; Lisa Stevens <[Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu](mailto:Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu)>; [Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu](mailto:Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu); [Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org](mailto:Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org); Sundeep Dosanjh in Communications <[sdosanjh@egusd.net](mailto:sdosanjh@egusd.net)>; Suzanne Thibault in Communications <[SThibaul@egusd.net](mailto:SThibaul@egusd.net)>; Tramaine Lott in Communications <[tlott@egusd.net](mailto:tlott@egusd.net)>; [Dthigpen@fcusd.org](mailto:Dthigpen@fcusd.org); Catalina Martinez <[Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu](mailto:Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu)>; Joette Maxwell <[Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu](mailto:Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu)>; Andrea Starace <[Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu](mailto:Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu)>; [cvanallen@scoe.net](mailto:cvanallen@scoe.net); [jwoodward@scoe.net](mailto:jwoodward@scoe.net); [therrera@scoe.net](mailto:therrera@scoe.net); [bflory@scoe.net](mailto:bflory@scoe.net); [trent.allen@sanjuan.edu](mailto:trent.allen@sanjuan.edu); [raj.rai@sanjuan.edu](mailto:raj.rai@sanjuan.edu); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); [erovai@saclibrary.org](mailto:erovai@saclibrary.org); [zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org](mailto:zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org); [lbrown@sjwd.org](mailto:lbrown@sjwd.org); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); Tom Anderson <[tomanderson@natomasunified.org](mailto:tomanderson@natomasunified.org)>

**Subject:** RE: Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Thank you Alex,

We are also getting concerns from staff about the smell of smoke inside of classrooms and some people still think that wearing simple masks is ok. We also have concerns that several students have to walk to and from school. We've provided information about the many benefits of being at school.

The only guide I found to help answer questions/concerns was a link from a Healthline article that pointed to the California Department of Public Health:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/smp/progdev/pubeduc/wfgv8.pdf>

If SCPH has something more about smoke impacting schools and strategies to keep exposure down, that would be great – especially to battle the “I smell smoke in my classroom.”

-Xanthi

---

**From:** Alex Barrios <[Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu](mailto:Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 3:03 PM

**To:** Bongiorno. Brenda <[bongiornob@saccounty.net](mailto:bongiornob@saccounty.net)>; [nurse@centerusd.org](mailto:nurse@centerusd.org); [lbecker@centerusd.org](mailto:lbecker@centerusd.org); [rbritton@centerusd.org](mailto:rbritton@centerusd.org); [vcarmon@natomasunified.org](mailto:vcarmon@natomasunified.org); [kphillips@natomasunified.org](mailto:kphillips@natomasunified.org); Paula Kuhlman <[Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu](mailto:Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu)>; Victoria Benson <[Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu](mailto:Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu)>; Lisa Stevens <[Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu](mailto:Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu)>; [Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu](mailto:Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu); [Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org](mailto:Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org); Sundeep Dosanjh in Communications <[sdosanjh@egusd.net](mailto:sdosanjh@egusd.net)>; Xanthi Pinkerton in Communications <[xpinkert@egusd.net](mailto:xpinkert@egusd.net)>; Suzanne Thibault in Communications <[SThibaul@egusd.net](mailto:SThibaul@egusd.net)>; Tramaine Lott in Communications <[tlott@egusd.net](mailto:tlott@egusd.net)>; [Dthigpen@fcusd.org](mailto:Dthigpen@fcusd.org); Catalina Martinez <[Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu](mailto:Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu)>; Joette Maxwell <[Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu](mailto:Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu)>; Andrea Starace <[Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu](mailto:Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu)>; [cvanallen@scoe.net](mailto:cvanallen@scoe.net); [jwoodward@scoe.net](mailto:jwoodward@scoe.net); [therrera@scoe.net](mailto:therrera@scoe.net); [bflory@scoe.net](mailto:bflory@scoe.net); [trent.allen@sanjuan.edu](mailto:trent.allen@sanjuan.edu); [raj.rai@sanjuan.edu](mailto:raj.rai@sanjuan.edu); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); [erovai@saclibrary.org](mailto:erovai@saclibrary.org); [zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org](mailto:zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org); [lbrown@sjwd.org](mailto:lbrown@sjwd.org); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); Tom Anderson

<tomanderson@natomasunified.org>

**Subject:** RE: Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

Hi again Brenda. Thank you for issuing an update earlier. We are now getting parents contacting us sending in screenshots of AQI levels that contradict what's posted on the spare the air website. They are obtaining these from cell phone apps that they've downloaded from the internet. Can you provide us with some guidance on which, if any, of these apps would be considered by the health officer as credible apps for measuring AQI? Thank you in advance for any guidance you can provide on this.

---

**From:** Bongiorno. Brenda [<mailto:bongiornob@saccounty.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 11:54 AM

**To:** Alex Barrios; [nurse@centerusd.org](mailto:nurse@centerusd.org); [lbecker@centerusd.org](mailto:lbecker@centerusd.org); [rbritton@centerusd.org](mailto:rbritton@centerusd.org); [vcarmon@natomasunified.org](mailto:vcarmon@natomasunified.org); [kphillips@natomasunified.org](mailto:kphillips@natomasunified.org); Paula Kuhlman; Victoria Benson; Lisa Stevens; [Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu](mailto:Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu); [Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org](mailto:Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org); [sdosanjh@egusd.net](mailto:sdosanjh@egusd.net); [xpinkert@egusd.net](mailto:xpinkert@egusd.net); [sthibaul@egusd.net](mailto:sthibaul@egusd.net); [tlott@egusd.net](mailto:tlott@egusd.net); [Dthigpen@fcusd.org](mailto:Dthigpen@fcusd.org); Catalina Martinez; Joette Maxwell; Andrea Starace; [cvanallen@scoe.net](mailto:cvanallen@scoe.net); [jwoodward@scoe.net](mailto:jwoodward@scoe.net); [therrera@scoe.net](mailto:therrera@scoe.net); [bflory@scoe.net](mailto:bflory@scoe.net); [trent.allen@sanjuan.edu](mailto:trent.allen@sanjuan.edu); [raj.rai@sanjuan.edu](mailto:raj.rai@sanjuan.edu); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); [erovai@saclibrary.org](mailto:erovai@saclibrary.org); [zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org](mailto:zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org); [lbrown@sjwd.org](mailto:lbrown@sjwd.org); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); Tom Anderson

**Subject:** RE: Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

Hi Alex,

Thank you for your inquiry. We are currently working under the recommendations from the Wildfire Smoke Statement that was issued last Friday.

The Sacramento County Public Health Officer has recommended that Sacramento County School Districts minimize smoke exposure for students when smoke is seen or smelled by staying inside with windows and doors closed. Until air quality improves, the Public Health Officer continues to recommend that schools cancel outdoor recesses, outdoor activities and outdoor physical education (P.E.).

Here are tips for children and smoke from the Sac Metro Air District that it developed with Counties and local air districts:

[http://www.sparetheair.com/assets/Wildfire Smoke Flier Tips Children English.pdf](http://www.sparetheair.com/assets/Wildfire_Smoke_Flier_Tips_Children_English.pdf)

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.sparetheair.com/wildfire.cfm>

Should the Wildfire Smoke Statement recommendations be extended, I will send it to this group.

Thank you,

Brenda Bongiorno

Communication & Media Officer, Sacramento County

[BongiornoB@SacCounty.net](mailto:BongiornoB@SacCounty.net) / 916-874-7798 office / 916-216-5825 cell

Departments:

Health Services – Public, Primary & Behavioral (Media Line 916-875-0973)

Child, Family & Adult Services – CPS/Adult Services

Environmental Management – Health/Compliance

Technology – eGovt/Enterprise Operations



---

**From:** Alex Barrios <[Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu](mailto:Alex-Barrios@scusd.edu)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 11:22 AM



**To:** Bongiorno. Brenda <[bongiornob@saccounty.net](mailto:bongiornob@saccounty.net)>; [nurse@centerusd.org](mailto:nurse@centerusd.org); [lbecker@centerusd.org](mailto:lbecker@centerusd.org); [rbritton@centerusd.org](mailto:rbritton@centerusd.org); [vcarmon@natomasunified.org](mailto:vcarmon@natomasunified.org); [kphillips@natomasunified.org](mailto:kphillips@natomasunified.org); Paula Kuhlman <[Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu](mailto:Paula-Kuhlman@scusd.edu)>; Victoria Benson <[Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu](mailto:Victoria-Benson@scusd.edu)>; Lisa Stevens <[Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu](mailto:Lisa-Stevens@scusd.edu)>; [Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu](mailto:Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu); [Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org](mailto:Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org); [sdosanjh@egusd.net](mailto:sdosanjh@egusd.net); [xpinkert@egusd.net](mailto:xpinkert@egusd.net); [sthibaul@egusd.net](mailto:sthibaul@egusd.net); [tlott@egusd.net](mailto:tlott@egusd.net); [Dthigpen@fcusd.org](mailto:Dthigpen@fcusd.org); Catalina Martinez <[Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu](mailto:Catalina-Martinez@scusd.edu)>; Joette Maxwell <[Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu](mailto:Joette-Maxwell@scusd.edu)>; Andrea Starace <[Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu](mailto:Andrea-Starace@scusd.edu)>; [cvanallen@scoe.net](mailto:cvanallen@scoe.net); [jwoodward@scoe.net](mailto:jwoodward@scoe.net); [therrera@scoe.net](mailto:therrera@scoe.net); [bflory@scoe.net](mailto:bflory@scoe.net); [trent.allen@sanjuan.edu](mailto:trent.allen@sanjuan.edu); [raj.rai@sanjuan.edu](mailto:raj.rai@sanjuan.edu); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); [erovai@saclibrary.org](mailto:erovai@saclibrary.org); [zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org](mailto:zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org); [lbrown@sjwd.org](mailto:lbrown@sjwd.org)

**Subject:** RE: Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

**Importance:** High

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Hi Brenda—Thank you again for sending this statement out on Monday. Will your department be issuing another statement out today? It would be extremely helpful for school districts. Parents are pushing back on us stating that the statement we received is now almost 3 days old and we should be “getting another opinion” from the Public Health Officer and Sac Air Quality District. We continue to monitor the sparetheair.com website, but frankly, another statement from your departments based on current conditions, would be incredibly helpful to us in responding to families who are questioning our decisions to keep schools open. Please let us know ASAP if we can get another statement based on where things stand today. Thank you.

---

**From:** Bongiorno. Brenda [<mailto:bongiornob@saccounty.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2018 2:35 PM

**To:** [nurse@centerusd.org](mailto:nurse@centerusd.org); [lbecker@centerusd.org](mailto:lbecker@centerusd.org); [rbritton@centerusd.org](mailto:rbritton@centerusd.org); [vcarmon@natomasunified.org](mailto:vcarmon@natomasunified.org); [kphillips@natomasunified.org](mailto:kphillips@natomasunified.org); Paula Kuhlman; Victoria Benson; Lisa Stevens; [Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu](mailto:Jenny.amador@sanjuan.edu); [Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org](mailto:Bonita.Mallory@twinriversusd.org); [sdosanjh@egusd.net](mailto:sdosanjh@egusd.net); [xpinkert@egusd.net](mailto:xpinkert@egusd.net); [sthibaul@egusd.net](mailto:sthibaul@egusd.net); [tlott@egusd.net](mailto:tlott@egusd.net); [Dthigpen@fcusd.org](mailto:Dthigpen@fcusd.org); Alex Barrios; Catalina Martinez; Joette Maxwell; Andrea Starace; [cvanallen@scoe.net](mailto:cvanallen@scoe.net); [jwoodward@scoe.net](mailto:jwoodward@scoe.net); [therrera@scoe.net](mailto:therrera@scoe.net); [bflory@scoe.net](mailto:bflory@scoe.net); [trent.allen@sanjuan.edu](mailto:trent.allen@sanjuan.edu); [raj.rai@sanjuan.edu](mailto:raj.rai@sanjuan.edu); [jsanders@natomasunified.org](mailto:jsanders@natomasunified.org); [erovai@saclibrary.org](mailto:erovai@saclibrary.org); [zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org](mailto:zenobia.gerald@twinriversusd.org); [lbrown@sjwd.org](mailto:lbrown@sjwd.org)

**Subject:** Wildfire Smoke Statement for Sacramento County School Districts

Below is a statement from the Sac Metro Air District and Sacramento County Public Health Officer for Sacramento County School Districts regarding the wildfire smoke in our area.

Please share the following information with appropriate school district staff.

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, in conjunction with Sacramento County Public Health, is advising residents to take precautions and minimize outdoor activities if they see or smell smoke transported by the Camp Fire in Butte County.

For Sacramento County School Districts, Sacramento County Public Health recommends that the best way to minimize smoke exposure for students when smoke is seen or smelled is to stay inside with windows and doors closed. With currently projected air quality, the Public Health Officer recommends that schools cancel outdoor recesses, outdoor activities and outdoor physical education (P.E.). Additional advisements may be distributed if smoke is projected to be sustained in the “very unhealthy” range.



Smoke from this fire most likely will affect Sacramento through Wednesday, November 14 but may last longer depending on the strength and direction of the winds and the fire status. Due to the unpredictable nature of wildfire smoke, particulate matter (PM) pollution levels can be elevated in one area, but not another.

Wildfire smoke is harmful to your health. If you see or smell smoke, take the following actions:

- Minimize outdoor activities if you see or smell smoke, even if you're healthy
- Children, the elderly and people with respiratory or heart conditions should be particularly careful to avoid exposure
- Stay indoors with doors and windows closed as much as possible
- Asthmatics should follow their asthma management plan
- Contact your doctor if you have symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms you believe to be caused by smoke
- Those with heart disease should especially limit their smoke exposure since PM can cause heart attacks
- For those without filtered indoor air, Dr. Kasirye, Public Health Officer for Sacramento County, reminds people of options for places to seek indoor respite from smoke, such as shopping malls, community centers, public libraries, or coffee shops.

For more information, visit the Sac Metro Air District's wildfire page at <http://www.airquality.org/Air-Quality-Health/Climate-Change/Public-Outreach/Wildfire-Smoke-Information>

You may also download the free Sacramento Region Air Quality app or sign up for Air Alert emails at [www.SpareTheAir.com](http://www.SpareTheAir.com).

### **Sacramento County Public Health Officer Advisement on Mask Use**

At this time, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer is advising only the appropriate use of the N95 respirator mask for those in the fire zone that do not have access to filtered or recirculated air and instead is strongly advising the residents of the Sacramento County region to stay indoors and avoid exposure to smoke. Prolonged use of N95 respirator mask can exacerbate symptoms in those with respiratory problems. N95 respirator mask use by those with heart and respiratory diseases can be dangerous, and should only be done under a doctor's supervision.

Thank you,  
Brenda Bongiorno  
Communication & Media Officer, Sacramento County  
[BongiornoB@SacCounty.net](mailto:BongiornoB@SacCounty.net) / 916-874-7798  
Departments:

Health Services – Public, Primary & Behavioral (Media Line 916-875-0973)

Child, Family & Adult Services – CPS/Adult Services

Environmental Management – Health/Compliance

Technology – eGovt/Enterprise Operations



**County of Sacramento Email Disclaimer:** This email and any attachments thereto may contain private, confidential, and privileged material for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any review, copying, or distribution of this email (or any attachments thereto) by other than the County of Sacramento or the intended recipient is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender immediately and permanently delete the original and any copies of this email and any attachments thereto.

**County of Sacramento Email Disclaimer:** This email and any attachments thereto may contain private, confidential, and privileged material for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any review, copying, or distribution of this email (or any attachments thereto) by other than the County of Sacramento or the intended recipient is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender immediately and permanently delete the original and any copies of this email and any attachments thereto.

**County of Sacramento Email Disclaimer:** This email and any attachments thereto may contain private, confidential, and privileged material for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any review, copying, or distribution of this email (or any attachments thereto) by other than the County of Sacramento or the intended recipient is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender immediately and permanently delete the original and any copies of this email and any attachments thereto.



**APPROVED**

## SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

**Meeting Date:** December 6, 2018

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3045: Poor Air Quality Monitoring and Guidance

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☐ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☒ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

**Division:** Board Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3045: Poor Air Quality Monitoring and Guidance.

**Background/Rationale:** Sacramento, and large parts of Northern California, experienced very unhealthy and hazardous air quality due to the smoke from camp fire burning about 100 miles north near the City of Paradise, California. As the air quality worsened the District found itself trying to figure out what the healthiest options were for the students. The District could monitor outdoor air quality, but they could not monitor how much smoke was accumulating in classrooms. They also did not have guidance on when and how school should be canceled based on air quality. The resolution calls for the creation of a Board Policy that provides the necessary direction to staff and families as to when schools should be canceled based on outdoor as well as indoor air quality. This resolution also requires staff to pursue grant funding for indoor air quality monitors, outline partnerships to help provide indoor air filtered shelters in emergency situations, and develop a long term plan to insure proper filtration systems are in place in the district's aging school sites.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3045**

**POOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND GUIDANCE**

**WHEREAS**, smoke from the recent Camp fire caused Northern California to have the poorest outdoor air quality in the world, according to the air quality monitoring network Purple Air; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Air Act of 1977 called for a daily air quality monitoring tool based on a uniform air quality index, and today's Air Quality Index contains six categories of air quality that include *Good*, *Moderate*, *Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups*, *Unhealthy*, *Very Unhealthy*, and *Hazardous*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Very Unhealthy* and *Hazardous* air Quality was reported on multiple days within Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) boundaries during the week of November 12, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, SCUSD, along with multiple districts in Sacramento County and across Northern California, chose to cancel school on Friday, November 16, 2018 due to prolonged levels of *Hazardous* air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, particulate matter can have grave effects on the lungs, heart and immune system; and

**WHEREAS**, research finds that children, older adults, individuals with certain health conditions, and communities with low-socioeconomic status are most affected by poor air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, very little formal guidance was given to SCUSD and other school districts as to when school closures should occur due to poor air quality, or if the California Department of Education would provide those districts with a waiver for the lost revenue from attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, the district believes that remaining in school whenever possible is likely the best option for most students and families who rely upon our school sites for meals, a safe learning environment and before and after school care except in extraordinary circumstances including but not limited to when air quality conditions are deemed to be *Hazardous*; and

**WHEREAS**, the district lacked the infrastructure and capacity to monitor indoor air quality at sites as outdoor particulate matter slowly crept into school buildings and accumulated; and

**WHEREAS**, SCUSD had no knowledge of filtered air shelters that could be provided to families when school was not in session in order to safeguard students and families from hazardous air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, scientists believe extreme wildfires in California will become more frequent in the coming years due to the effects of climate change, and as such, Sacramento City Unified School District must prepare accordingly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby urgently request that a Board Policy be developed that provides the necessary direction to staff and families as to when schools should be canceled, based on outdoor as well as indoor air quality. The policy shall require staff to pursue grant funding for indoor air quality monitors, outline partnerships to help provide indoor air filtered shelters in emergency situations, and a long term plan to insure proper filtration systems are in place in the district's aging school sites.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, SCUSD shall work with neighboring districts and education and health agencies to develop and promote the policy and related resources in order to safeguard our students and communities against the negative health impacts of *Very Unhealthy* and *Hazardous* air quality.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 6th day of December, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES 6  
NOES 0  
ABSTAIN 0  
ABSENT 1

ATTESTED TO:



Jorge A. Aguilar  
Superintendent



Jessie Ryan  
President of the Board of Education



DO MORE WITH  
LESS FIBROMYALGIA  
PAIN. [Learn More >](#)



SCROLL FOR IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION /

#### Important Safety Information

LYRICA is not for everyone. LYRICA may cause even life threatening, allergic reactions. Stop LYRICA and call your doctor right away if you experience any of the following symptoms. For more information, see the [MEDICATION GUIDE](#) > [FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION](#).

EDUCATION

# See which Sacramento-area schools, colleges are closed Friday due to air quality

BY MICHAEL MCGOUGH AND

VINCENT MOLESKI



NOVEMBER 15, 2018 07:52 AM, UPDATED NOVEMBER 16, 2018 06:26 AM



By continuing to use this site, you give your consent to our use of cookies for analytics, personalization and ads.

All of Sacramento County's biggest public school districts are among many in the region that will close their campuses Friday due to poor air quality brought on by smoke from the Camp Fire burning to the north in Butte County.

Here is the status of the major Sacramento County public school districts, as well as other local districts and community colleges, Sacramento State and UC Davis, as of 5:45 p.m. Thursday.

## Sacramento County K-12

- **Elk Grove Unified:** All schools will be closed Friday. Schools remained open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities. All outdoor field trips to areas affected by smoke have been canceled.
- **Folsom Cordova Unified:** All schools and district offices were closed Thursday and will remain closed Friday.
- **Sacramento City Unified:** Schools remained open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities, but will be closed Friday.
- **San Juan Unified:** Schools remained open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities, but will be closed Friday.
- **Twin Rivers Unified:** Schools remained open Thursday, with restrictions to outdoor activities. Outdoor athletic events and practices were canceled this week. All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Natomas Unified:** Schools remained open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed on Friday.
- **Galt Joint Union High School and Elementary School Districts:** Schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.
- **Elverta Joint Elementary School District:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Center Joint Unified:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District:** After originally projecting they would remain open through the week, schools will be closed Friday.
- **Arcohe School District:** Schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.
- **River Delta Unified:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Robla School District:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Jesuit High School:** The school was closed Wednesday and Thursday and will be closed Friday.

Premium content for only \$0.00

By continuing to use this site, you give your consent to our use of cookies for analytics, personalization and ads.



For the most comprehensive local coverage, subscribe today.

SUBSCRIBE NOW

#READLOCAL

## Placer County K-12

- **Roseville Joint Union High School District:** All schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities and will be closed Friday.
- **Roseville City School District:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Western Placer Unified:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Rocklin Unified:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Eureka Union:** All schools will be closed Friday.
- **Auburn Union:** All schools will be closed Friday.

## Yolo County K-12

- **Washington Unified:** Schools were open on Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.
- **Woodland Joint Unified:** Schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.
- **Davis Joint Unified:** Schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.
- **Winters Joint Unified:** Schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.
- **Esparto Unified:** Schools were open Thursday with restrictions to outdoor activities but will be closed Friday.

## El Dorado County K-12

- **El Dorado Union:** Schools will remain open Friday with restrictions to outdoor activities.

## Sacramento-area colleges and universities

- **Los Rios Community College District:** All four Los Rios campuses — Sacramento City College, Folsom Lake College, American River College and Cosumnes River College — and the district office are closed through Sunday. All classes are canceled.
- **Sierra College:** Sierra College campus locations, except Tahoe-Truckee, were closed Thursday with all classes canceled, and will remain closed until Sunday evening.
- **Sacramento State:** The main and downtown campuses were closed Thursday and will remain closed Friday, with all classes canceled.
- **UC Davis:** All Davis and Sacramento campuses were closed Thursday and will be closed Friday, with all classes canceled. Only “essential staff” are required to report to work.

By continuing to use this site, you give your consent to our use of cookies for analytics, personalization and ads.



~~Cancelled four days.~~

Elk Grove Unified has about 63,000 students, according to the Sacramento County Office of Education website. Folsom Cordova has more than 20,000.

Sacramento City Unified, Natomas Unified, Elk Grove Unified and San Juan Unified have said in official statements that they were complying with county Department of Public Health recommendations by keeping campuses open Thursday.

Air quality readings in the region monitored by [Spare the Air](#) show Wednesday's conditions reached a high of 253 AQI, considered "very unhealthy," in parts of Sacramento. Spare the Air says conditions remained in the unhealthy or very unhealthy range as of 7 a.m. Thursday, and were worst in Elk Grove, Arden Arcade and downtown Sacramento.

For many families, cancellation of school creates child care problems, especially on short notice.

"We understand that many of our families count on us to provide students with a safe and supervised environment to go to during the day," Sacramento City Unified said in a news release announcing schools would remain open Thursday.

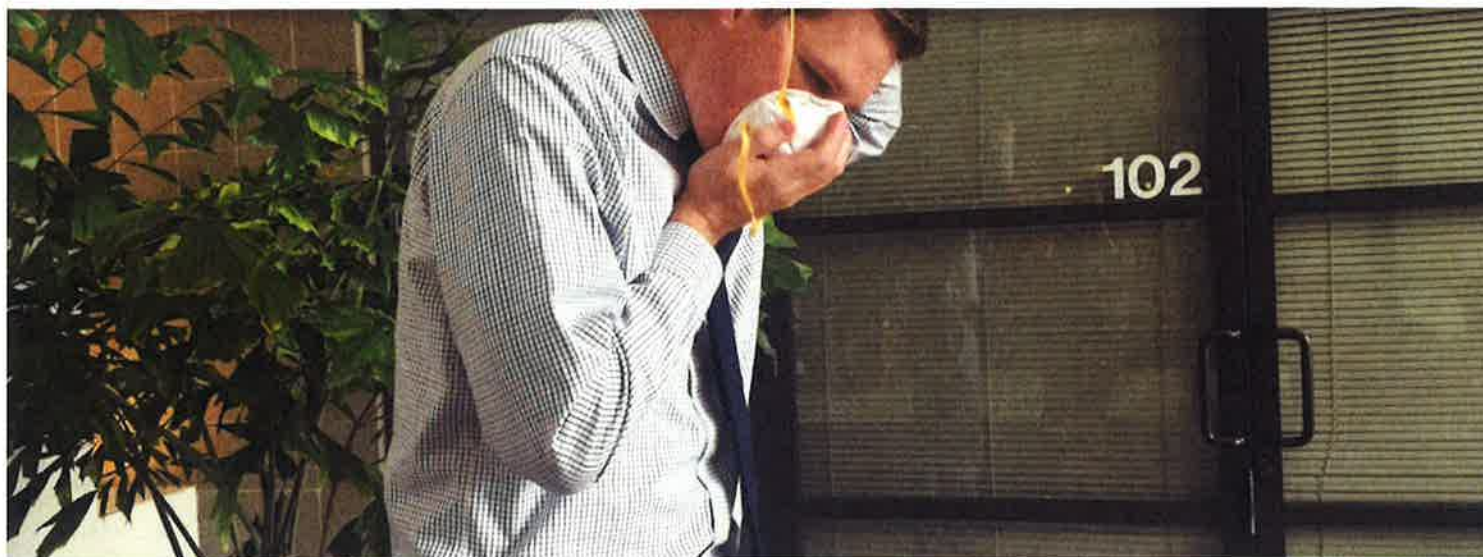
After deciding to close schools Friday, the district apologized for the inconvenience to families in a statement, but maintained that the potential health risks posed by air quality outweighed other factors.

All K-12 public schools in the region are on Thanksgiving break after Friday, resuming classes Nov. 26. Colleges and universities in the area are closed Thanksgiving Day and Nov. 23 for the holiday.

In addition to schools, Folsom closed its zoo, the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center and a skate park, according to a news release by the city.



By continuing to use this site, you give your consent to our use of cookies for analytics, personalization and ads.



If used correctly, N95 respirators can help filter air to make it safer to breathe. These can be helpful when air conditions are poor due to wildfire smoke.

By [Alyssa Hodenfield](#) 

## RELATED STORIES FROM SACRAMENTO BEE

### FIRES

#### Are those smoke masks safe? Handouts end in Sacramento area as city and county argue

NOVEMBER 15, 2018 01:29 PM

### HEALTH-AND-MEDICINE

#### Sacramento's free respirator masks can't protect you if you don't know this

NOVEMBER 15, 2018 12:00 AM

### EDUCATION

#### Los Rios closes all four community colleges, district office due to air quality

NOVEMBER 14, 2018 08:09 PM

### CALIFORNIA

#### California wildfires: What fires are burning now and where are they?

NOVEMBER 19, 2018 07:29 AM

### CALIFORNIA

#### What we know about the Camp Fire, its victims and more

By continuing to use this site, you give your consent to our use of cookies for analytics, personalization and ads.

MENU

abc10(connect)

WATCH LIVE  
On Air 4:55PM

61°

Sacramento, CA

## Why Sacramento health officials recommend not canceling class over poor air quality

Officials with Sacramento City Unified School District, Elk Grove Unified School District, and San Juan Unified School District said they base their decision on closures on whatever the Sacramento County Health Department recommends.

### Thursday update:

Check [HERE](#) for the many Sacramento-area schools that closed on Friday, November 16.

### Original Story:

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- After Sacramento State University and UC Davis decided to close campus due to poor air quality, several parents reached out to ABC10 to ask, "Why weren't grade schools canceling class?"

Officials with Sacramento City Unified School District, Elk Grove Unified School District, and San Juan Unified School District said they base their decision on closures on whatever the Sacramento County Health Department recommends.

Sacramento County's Director of Health Services, Peter Beilenson, explained why they suggested not closing schools.

"That's probably the safest (place) for many kids to be. They're indoors. They're often in air-conditioned places that have filters on their air conditioning and they're not allowed outside for P.E. or recess," Beilenson added. "As opposed to having kids at home, where parents may certainly be keeping track of them, but it's more likely that if kids are off school, they will probably go outside."

### Sign up for The Daily Blend Newsletter

Get a daily e-mail with stories that inform, offer tips, and make you smile.

ENTER EMAIL HERE

Submit

[RELATED STORY: Gov. Brown visits Camp Fire while President Trump praises firefighters in California](#)

Beilenson explained college students spend more time outdoors because they have to walk longer distances to get to their classes.

### Air Quality Concerns

What questions do you have about air quality?

0/400

#### Your contact info

We'll be in touch if we look into your question.

Name

Email address

☐ Please don't publish my name

Submit

powered by [Hearst](#)

"They're more exposed to the elements and they are outdoors a lot of the day. Whereas in the school systems - high school, middle schools, lower schools, as well as preschools - it's very easy to keep kids for recess," said Beilenson.

A spokesperson for Sacramento State told ABC10 that university officials make the decision to close or remain open based on the recommendations from the Environmental Health and Safety Department.

Officials from Sac State and UC Davis announced Wednesday that both campuses will remain closed Thursday.

Continue the conversation [with Daniela on Facebook](#).

Posted by **ABC10**  
678,636 Views

MENU

abc10(connect)

WATCH LIVE  
On Air 4:55PM

59°

Sacramento, CA

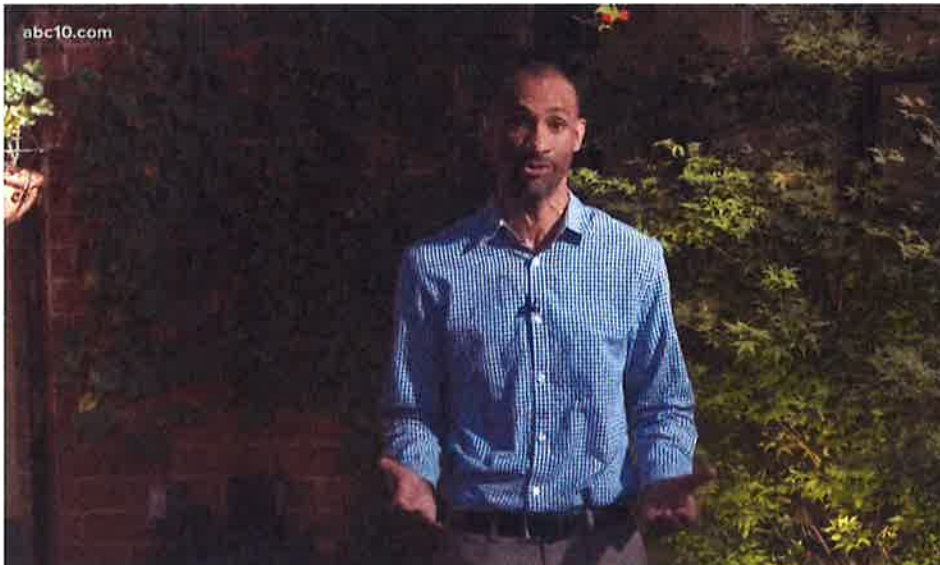


SPONSORED by cancer.org

**Promoted video**

Click to learn more

See More



## Here's what Sacramento-area schools are closed on Friday, Nov. 16

The full breakdown of what Sacramento-area schools are closed due to poor air quality.

If you're viewing on the ABC10 App, [tap here for multimedia](#).

The following school districts and universities are closed Friday due to poor air quality in the area:

- Sacramento City Unified School District
- San Juan Unified School District
- Rocklin Unified School District
- Elk Grove Unified School District
- Folsom-Cordova Unified School District
- Dixon Unified School District
- Natomas Unified School District
- Washington Unified School District
- Twin Rivers Unified School District
- Vallejo City Unified School District
- Western Placer Unified School District
- Davis Joint Unified School District
- Vacaville Unified School District
- Roseville Joint Union High School District
- Western Placer Unified School District
- Sacramento State
- Butte College
- Contra Costa Community College District (Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Med College)
- Los Rios Community College District (Sacramento City College, American River College, Cosum River College, Folsom Lake College)
- Sacramento City College
- Stanislaus State
- Woodland Community College
- UC Davis
- Yuba College
- All Sierra College campuses except Tahoe-Truckee

### Sign up for The Daily Blend Newsletter

Get a daily e-mail with stories that inform, offer tips, and make you smile.

ENTER EMAIL HERE

Submit

With Sacramento City Unified Schools being closed, the district has decided to hand out free lunches Thursday afternoon.

The free bagged lunches will be available for pick-up between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, November

The district is providing the bagged lunches to help make sure all students have access to a healthy lunch even if schools are closed.

The free bagged lunches can be picked up at:

- C.K. McClatchy High School (3066 Freeport Blvd.)
- Hiram Johnson High School (6879 14th Ave.)
- John F. Kennedy High School (6715 Gloria Drive)
- Luther Burbank High School (3500 Florin Road)
- Rosemont High School (9594 Kiefer Blvd)

When parents reach the school, they will need to look for a white van to pick up the lunches.

**RELATED: ["California Wildfires: The New Normal" is ABC10's new 9-part series on how wildfires are changing lives across Northern California.](#)**

**Watch Now:** Episode 7: "Fighting to Rebuild." Even with insurance, the road to recovery from losing everything to a wildfire can be a long one. Over a year later, residents of the Coffey Park neighborhood Santa Rosa are still fighting to rebuild their lives.

#### Fighting to Rebuild | California Wildfires: The New Normal







CBS Sacramento

MENU

NEWS

WEATHER

SPORTS

BEST OF

CBS13  
WATCH NOW

# Full List: Smoky Air Prompts Several Colleges And School Districts To Close

November 15, 2018 at 11:59 pm Filed Under: [air quality](#), [Camp Fire](#), [School Closures](#), [smoke](#)



## FOLLOW US

## OUR NEWSLETTER



Sign up and get our latest headlines delivered right to your inbox!

Subscribe Now!

## MOST VIEWED

- 1 Teen With Autism Who Died Days After Being Restrained Identified As 13-Year-Old Max [\[v\]](#)
- 2 Woman Who Tried To Kill Herself By Driving Wrong Way On Freeway Sentenced To Life In Prison [\[v\]](#)
- 3 Caltrans Worker Fighting For His Life After Being Hit On I-80 [\[v\]](#)
- 4 Police: One Victim Has Died In Del Paso Road Shooting [\[v\]](#)
- 5 Less Than Month After Opening, Stingray Dies at SeaQuest Folsom [\[v\]](#)
- 6 High School Football Player Destroys Opposing Team's Furniture With Sledgehammer [\[v\]](#)
- 7 Folsom High Schools Focus On Intervention With Rising Prescription Drug Use Trouble [\[v\]](#)
- 8 Police Go Above And Beyond To Help Dogs That Fell From 5-Story Parking Structure [\[v\]](#)
- 9 1 Killed In Shooting Near American River College Natomas Center [\[v\]](#)
- 10 Sierra Nevada's Resilience Butte County Proud IPA Now Being Released [\[v\]](#)

**SACRAMENTO (CBS13)** — The Camp Fire continues to rage on in Butte County, displacing 52,000 residents and claiming at least 56 lives. Outside of Butte County, the smoke from the fire is making a big impact on air quality.

Many local school districts and college campuses have closed because of the poor air quality which has reached hazardous levels in some parts of the valley. On Wednesday night Rocklin, Roseville, and Gridley were experiencing hazardous conditions with air quality index (AQI) numbers above 300.

To check the air quality in your area, go to [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov).

**RELATED: Smoky Air Pushes Sac-Joaquin High School Football Playoff Games To Next Week**

### Confirmed closed schools and districts include:

Arcohe School District

Bradshaw Christian (all campuses)

Christian Brothers High School

Consumnes River College (closed through Sunday 11/18)

Davis Unified School District

Elk Grove Unified School District – All schools (closed Friday)

Folsom Cordova Unified School District – All schools

Galt Joint Union High School District

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Jesuit High School

Los Rios Community College District – All campuses

Natomas Unified School District

Rocklin Unified School District

Sacramento City College (closed through Sunday 11/18)

Sacramento Country Day School

Sacramento Diocese Schools (all schools south of Red Bluff)

- St. Isidore School, Yuba City
- St. Thomas More School, Oroville
- Notre Dame School, Chico
- St. John Vianney School, Rancho Cordova
- Our Lady of Assumption School, Carmichael
- St. Ignatius School, Sacramento
- St. John the Evangelist School, Carmichael
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Sacramento
- St. Mary School, Sacramento
- St. Patrick Academy, Sacramento
- St. Charles Borromeo, Sacramento
- St. Rose School, Roseville
- Sacred Heart School, Sacramento
- St John Notre Dame School, Folsom

Sacramento State University

Sacramento Unified School District

San Juan Unified School District (closed on Friday)

Sierra College (all campuses except Truckee)

Stanislaus State University

St. Francis High School

Sutter County – All School Districts (closed through Friday 11/16)

Travis Unified School District



Twin Rivers Unified School District

UC Davis

University of the Pacific (closed through Friday)

Vacaville Unified School District

Washington Unified School District

Western Placer Unified School District

Yolo County School Districts

Yuba County School Districts (closed through Friday 11/16)

- Marysville Joint Unified School District
- Plumas Lake Elementary School District
- Wheatland School District
- Wheatland Union High School District
- Yuba County Office of Education

**READ:** Sacramento Schools Limiting Outdoor Activities Due To Smoke From Camp Fire

Comments (3)



Follow Us

NEWS

- All News
- Local
- Call Kurtis
- Politics
- Entertainment
- Business
- Consumer
- HealthWatch

SPORTS

- Kings
- A's
- Raiders
- Shows
- Podcasts
- Interviews

BEST OF

- Best Of
- Travel
- Only CBS

OTHER

- Weather
- Links & Numbers
- Only CBS
- Contests

STATION INFO

- CBS 13
- TV Schedule
- CBS Careers

CORPORATE

- About Us
- Advertise
- CBS Television Public File
- EEO Reports

© 2018 CBS Broadcasting Inc. All Rights Reserved.  
Revised 11/15/2018

By viewing our video content, you are accepting the terms of our Video Services Policy.  
Privacy Policy (Updated May 24, 2018) | Terms of Use | Your California Privacy Rights | Mobile User Agreement | Ad Choices

TV  
Local  
NOW 56°  
F

There was a problem  
providing access to  
protected content.  
(Error Code: 232403)

## El distrito escolar de Sacramento ordena la cancelación de actividades al aire libre por mala calidad del aire

Para prevenir daños a la salud provocados por la mala calidad del aire, las autoridades han ordenado cancelar las actividades exteriores.

### UNIVISION

14 Nov 2018 – 10:45 PM EST

COMPARTE

ESTÁS VIENDO

**El distrito escolar de Sacramento ordena la cancelación de actividades al aire libre por mala calidad del aire**

2:07



4:01

**¿Cuáles son los efectos en la salud de la mala calidad del aire provocada por los incendios?**

Atención clientes de DISH: Ahora has perdido Univision Deportes Network. Llamen al 1-800-500-4252 ahora o haga click aquí para opciones.

CERRAR

# Media Monitoring Suite


[Log In](#) > [Transcript](#)
[Log In](#)

## Transcript

[Log In](#)

**KXTV-SAC (ABC) - Sacramento, CA**  
**ABC10 Morning Blend 6:00AM**

+ Local Market Viewership: 4,783  
 Local Publicity Value: \$254.16 per  
 30s

**KXTV 11/15/2018 6:55:37 AM:** ...>>> it 6:54 am, here is what you need to know before you go. we're getting a lot of questions about the smoke from the campfire. are schools close because of it? take a look, this is what we know so far. sacramento state; uc davis; sacramento city college, all closed. san jose state university is also closed. folsom grove school district, also closed. davis unified said that they will have schools opened today. this also goes for san juan unified, sack city unified -- sacramento city unified school district. >>> normally on thursdays i give you my pictures of ideas of what you do during the weekend. today i'm changing this up a little bit. i am showing you what you can do to help the victims of the campfire. this is happening on saturday afternoon. you can enjoy live music, food trucks, the portion of the proceeds will help. and there is a concert benefit called "stomp the fire", your entry donation can be -- your entry can be a donation or money. chipotle, they are also chipping in. you can visit any one of them in the area and 50% will go to the disaster relief fund. i will be asking for two scoops of guacamole this weekend. how about you rob? >>> i wish the situation was changing, but it is not. we will have to stay with it. we will see better air quality next week as we are looking forward to rain. it is cold in the 30s, highs in the 60s. hazy sunshine. the big story is the rain and snow and better air quality is coming next week. >>> we have been following breaking news for the last half hour in oak grove -- elk grove. this is after somebody hit a power pole. this person is seriously injured. we have a police investigation going on right now. you could take 99 or waterman road to avoid some of the delays. as we take a look at your drive times, as promised, sacramento street into fairfield, you are ...

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

Sacramento State

UC Davis

Sacramento City College

Stanislaus State, Los Rios Community College District

Sierra College campuses except Tahoe-Truckee

Folsom-Cordova School District schools & offices

### CAMP FIRE SMOKE IMPACTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

NEWS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL IN FIRST REWRITE OF SENTENCING LAWS SINCE 1984

Copyright ©1999 - 2018 TVEyes, Inc. All rights reserved.  
 Questions, comments, or suggestions? Send us feedback.  
[Privacy Policy](#)

# Media Monitoring Suite


[Log In > Transcript](#)
[Log In](#)

## Transcript

[Log In](#)

**KTXL-SAC (FOX) - Sacramento, CA**  
**FOX40 News at 8am**

+ Local Market Viewership: 20,525  
 Local Publicity Value: \$700.56 per  
 30s

**KTXL 11/15/2018 8:05:09 AM:** ...stay indoors as much as possible and minimise outdoor activities. the smoke forced the most of our local colleges to cancel their classes at the vast majority of schools in and around the sacramento area do remain open. fox sports olivia janeiro is live at mcclatchy high School with more and olivia some parents. they're wanting answers. good morning. that's exactly right. so you've said that colleges have been closing leaves enclosures sacked state los rio's community college just decided to close their campuses and we've seen private schools in our area jesuit st. francis even the sacramento country days school closing because of the smoke but you can see this morning. business as usual at McClatchy high school here in sacramento lots of students showing up for class this is one of the districts along with roseville sam watching this strike that are remaining open

despite the smoke and now many parents sacramento county help officer has not determine the smoke threat to be significant enough to require any School closures but she has recommended any outside activity at School. be limited. and we have seen that from the School district saying that they're taking steps to limit their students exposure to the smoke some have decided to cancel after school sports practices while others are rescheduling major sporting events altogether officials say it's ultimately up to the School districts if there will be any enclosures however a concern parent brian bowen says he was told something different. when he contacted the twin rivers district. she said that if it was up to the health department they would have closed and two days ago all they're doing is advising the district so i can be impulse back in florida ones putting the blame on the health department of health departments put the blame. back on the school district definitely some mixed messages there so we reached out to the health department to try to clear things up. they tell us the districts are working with families individually who feel the air quality is to force a sort of working with those families on an individual basis so today the air quality higher sacramento region is considered unhealthy. we just checked it on the air. now that's where you can go to check the air quality and your exact zip code and it is above the 200 to mark and the entire sacramento region so we've been talking a lot about those surgical masks of course they can help limit disclosure but they're not meant for long term use and really the only way to avoid inhaling the smoke is to stay inside reporting live in sacramento narrow fox sports ...



paused

Copyright ©1999 - 2018 TVEyes, Inc. All rights reserved.  
 Questions, comments, or suggestions? Send us feedback.  
[Privacy Policy](#)

**From:** Superintendent  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Superintendent  
**Subject:** Important guidance for employees about tomorrow  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sac City Employees,

The health and safety of our students and employees continues to be a serious concern as we monitor air quality conditions and maintain close communication with the Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District and Sacramento County Public Health. Unfortunately, this afternoon air quality has continued to worsen, not improve.

Schools remained open today to provide our students with a safe and healthy learning environment under manageable conditions. However, after assessing the current situation at our schools and receiving guidance from the Sacramento Metro Air Quality District and the Sacramento Public Health Officer, we have determined it would be best to cancel all classes and close schools tomorrow.

A combination of the following factors led to the decision to close schools:

- Air quality has begun to reach near hazardous levels this afternoon, with no indication that it will improve tomorrow;
- Our Superintendent and Members of our Board of Education toured some of our older facilities today and determined the age of our buildings and HVAC systems will make it more difficult to keep smoke out of classrooms as the air quality worsens leading into tomorrow.

We deeply apologize to any families who will now have to find last minute child care and meal arrangements. However, the potential health risks for tomorrow outweigh the need for our students to be in school.

#### **Guidance for Employees**

Employees at school sites should not report to work tomorrow. For non-school site employees, we are in the process of assessing district needs for meeting mandated timelines and emergent needs. Your supervisors will communicate with you by close of business today on whether you should report to work tomorrow.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this situation and for your service to our students and families.

Sincerely,

Jorge A. Aguilar