

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

**SCHOOL CLOSURE:** When one or more schools were closed because of conditions described in *EC* 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 *EC* 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 *EC* Section 46200, et seq.

There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.

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**MATERIAL DECREASE:** When one or more schools were kept open but experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to *EC* Section 46392 and *CCR*, 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 *EC* Section 46392 and *CCR*, 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 *EC* 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.

There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.

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**LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS:** When attendance records have been lost or destroyed as described in *EC* 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 *EC* Section 46391:

*"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."*





**SECTION C: MATERIAL DECREASE**

- Not Applicable (Proceed to Section D)  
 Supplemental Page(s) Attached

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

**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)
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**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

_____	_____
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### August

- 22\* Eid al-Adha
- 24 New Teacher Work Day
- 27, 28 All Teacher Work Days
- 29 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

### September

- 3 No School - Labor Day
- 10-11 Rosh Hashanah
- 19 Yom Kippur

### November

- 5 Diwali begins (7<sup>th</sup> is holiest night)
- 5 Elementary Teacher Work Day
- 12 No School - Veterans Day
- 19-21 No School - Classified Work Days
- 22 No School - Thanksgiving
- 23 No School - Local Holiday

### December

- 2 Hanukkah begins
- 24-28 No School - Winter Break (includes Christmas 12/25 and Kwanzaa 12/26-1/1)
- 31 No School - Classified Work Day

### January

- 1 No School - New Year's Day
- 2-4 No School - Classified Work Days
- 7 Senior High Teacher Work Day
- 21 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- 28 Junior High Teacher Work Day

### February

- 5 Lunar New Year
- 11 No School - Local Holiday
- 18 No School - Presidents Day

### March

- 25-29 Spring Break - Classified Work Days

### April

- 19 Passover begins at sundown
- 21 Easter
- 27 Last day of Passover

### May

- 5\* Ramadan begins
- 27 No School - Memorial Day

### June

- 3-4\* Eid al-Fitr - End of Ramadan
- 13 Last Day of School
- 14 All Teacher Work Day

-  Legal Holiday
-  Local Holiday
-  School Holiday (Classified Work Day for traditional employees. Non-Work Day for positive work year employees.)

- ❖ New Teacher Work Day
- Σ Elementary Teacher Work Day
- Ψ Junior High Teacher Work Day
- £ Senior High Teacher Work Day (No School for DSHS, MLKing, DVCA and all DSIS students)
- ✍ All Teacher Work Day

-  First Day of School
-  Last day of School

### Major Religious & Cultural Holidays

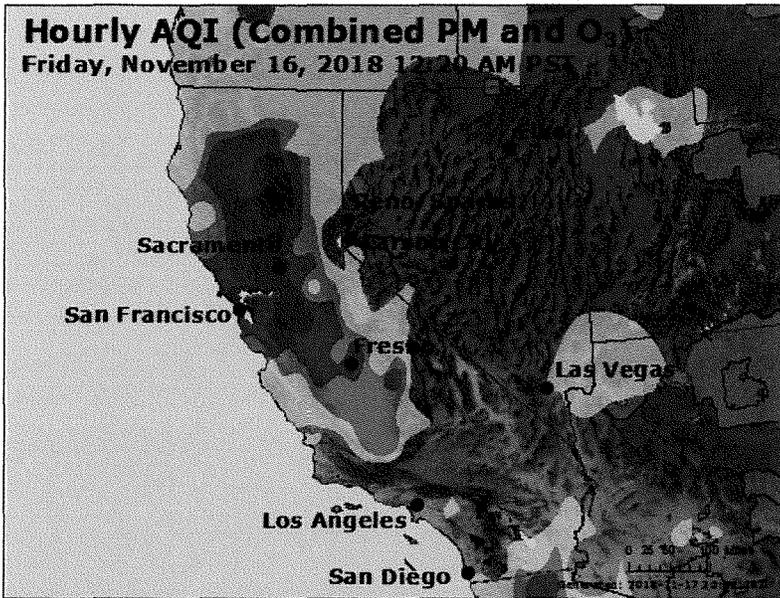
Underlined dates represent major religious and cultural holidays. The dotted underline indicates observance of major Jewish and Islamic holidays, which begin at sundown the preceding day.  
\*Indicates the date is estimated.

DJUSD staff members will do their best to refrain from scheduling important meetings, one-time events, field trips, auditions, tests, athletic competitions, projects and quizzes for these days.

Additional information about religious and cultural holidays can be found under the Multicultural Resources tab of the School Climate webpage at: [www.djUSD.net/services/climate](http://www.djUSD.net/services/climate)

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- PM AQI



Daily AQI		
Friday, November 16, 2018		
Particles PM <sub>2.5</sub>	204	<u>Very Unhealthy</u>
Particles PM <sub>10</sub>	Not Available	
Ozone	28	<u>Good</u>
select another date to see data and maps:		
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<i>Note: data are available beginning August 1, 2010.</i>		

**Other Information**

[Current Conditions and Forecasts](#)

[Air Quality Maps Archives \(by region\)](#)

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Unhealthy

Very Unhealthy

Hazardous

! Action Day

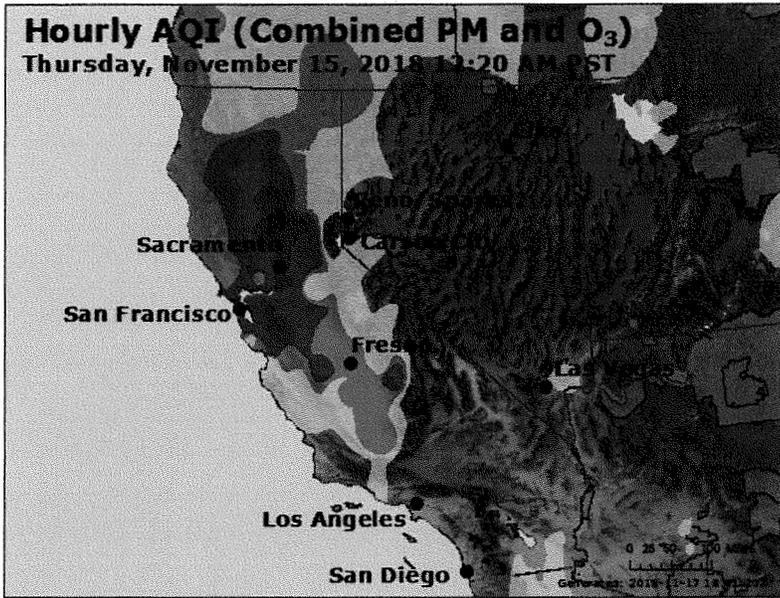
**Local Air Quality Resources**

[Real-time AQI Data](#) | [Today's AQI Forecast](#)

- State Air Quality Resources**
- Amador County Air Pollution Control District
  - American Lung Association (ALA) of California
  - Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
  - BAAQMD Spare the Air 2002
  - Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
  - Butte County Air Pollution Control District
  - California Air Resources Board (CARB)
  - California Environmental Protection Agency
  - California Environmental Protection Agency - Contact Us
  - Colusa County Air Pollution Control District
  - El Dorado County Air Quality Management District
  - Feather River Air Quality Management District
  - Glenn County Air Pollution Control District
  - Kern County Air Pollution Control District
  - Mendocino County Air Quality Management District
  - Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
  - Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
  - North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District
  - Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
  - Placer County Air Pollution Control District
  - Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District
  - Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
  - San Diego County Air Pollution Control District
  - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
  - San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District

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Daily AQI		
Thursday, November 15, 2018		
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Particles PM <sub>10</sub>	Not Available	
Ozone	30	<a href="#">Good</a>
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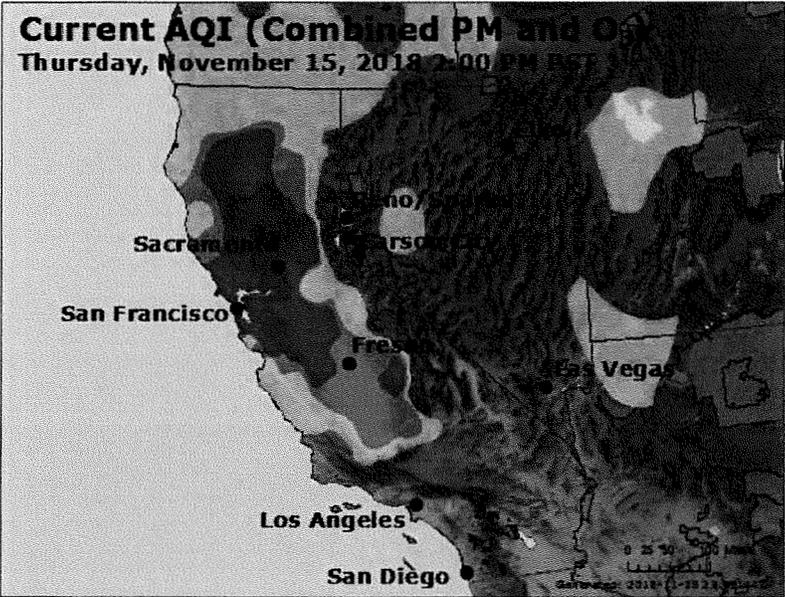
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San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District

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**Data and Forecasts courtesy of:**

Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, California Air Resources Board, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, Mendocino County Air Quality Management District, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

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National Parks/Monuments
  Tribal Boundaries

The tribal boundaries shown here are provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are intended to be used as a general spatial reference only. They are not a formal determination of tribal boundaries by the EPA.

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**Current Conditions**

**Air Quality Index (AQI)**  
observed at 14:00 PST

**257 Very Unhealthy**

**Health Message:** People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid all physical activity outdoors. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.

Note: Values above 500 are considered Beyond the AQI. Follow recommendations for the Hazardous category. Additional information on reducing exposure to extremely high levels of particle pollution is available [here](#).

**AQI - Pollutant Details**

Ozone	31	<u>Good</u>
Particles (PM2.5)	257	<u>Very Unhealthy</u>

**Air Quality Forecast**

Today	Tomorrow
<b>Air Quality Index (AQI)</b> 174 <b>Unhealthy</b>	<b>Air Quality Index (AQI)</b> 169 <b>Unhealthy</b>
<b>Health Message:</b> People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.	<b>Health Message:</b> People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.
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**AQI - Pollutant Details**

Particles (PM2.5) <b>!</b> 174 <u>Unhealthy</u>	Particles (PM2.5) <b>!</b> 169 <u>Unhealthy</u>
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**Past Air Quality Maps and Data**

- [Yesterday's Maps and Data](#)
- [Air Quality Maps Archives](#) (by region)

**E-Mail Notification**

**EnviroFlash** provides air quality information such as forecasts and action day notifications via email for your area of interest. [Sign-Up](#)

## Cheryl Ozga

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**From:** Maria Clayton  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 3:11 PM  
**To:** Maria Clayton  
**Subject:** Urgent: All DJUSD schools, offices closed Friday, November 16



Dear DJUSD Staff:

Due to worsening air quality, and out of an abundance of caution, the Davis Joint Unified School District, along with all other Yolo County school districts, is closing all District schools and offices, including the Maintenance and Operations Center, on Friday, November 16.

Unfortunately, when a regularly scheduled school day is canceled, the District may need to make up the lost instructional time required by the state prior to the end of the school year. District staff will be applying for a waiver from the state to forgo a make-up day and we will keep you apprised of the outcome of this waiver as information is available.

We anticipate the conditions to improve significantly over the next week and look forward to a return to normal school routines, outdoor activities and athletics after Thanksgiving Break. Any updates over Thanksgiving Break will be shared with our school community by email and available on the DJUSD website as well as on District social media.

### **Important Information For DJUSD Staff**

**Will students and staff have to make up the missed school and work days due to the closure? If so, when?**  
Maybe. Unfortunately, when a regularly scheduled school day is canceled, the District may need to make up the lost instructional time required by the state prior to the end of the school year. District staff will be applying for a waiver from the state to forgo a make-up day and we will keep you apprised of the outcome of this waiver as information is available.

### **Will employee pay be interrupted or docked due to this week's school closures?**

No. Employees will be paid as usual.

### **Are parent-teacher conferences canceled? If so, will they be rescheduled?**

Yes. Conferences will be rescheduled once school resumes after the Thanksgiving break.

### **I'm an employee. When do I return to work?**

After Friday, Nov. 16, please resume your usual work schedule.

### **I'm a teacher. Can I come into my classroom and work on my own?**

The District is closed due to poor air quality. Do not come to campus tomorrow.

**Are field trips or other planned events canceled?**

Field trips, sporting events, and other planned special events are canceled through Friday, Nov. 16. If able, sites and programs should reschedule. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your supervisor.

**Where can I go to learn more about air quality?**

- <http://www.sparetheair.com>
- [Yolo/ Solano Air Quality Management District](#)

**The following message is being sent to DJUSD Parents:**

*Dear DJUSD Families:*

*Due to worsening air quality, and out of an abundance of caution, the Davis Joint Unified School District, along with all other school districts in Yolo County, is closing all schools and offices on Friday, November 16.*

*Over the last few days, DJUSD has been regularly monitoring worsening the air quality and conferring with the Yolo County Office of Education, Yolo County Health Department and the Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District. The decision to close schools due to air quality is not taken lightly and is unprecedented. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff.*

*If you were scheduled to have a Parent-Teacher Conference, that will be rescheduled once school resumes.*

*We anticipate the conditions to improve significantly over the next week and look forward to a return to normal school routines, outdoor activities and athletics after Thanksgiving Break. Any updates over Thanksgiving Break will be shared as quickly as possible with our school community by email and available on the [DJUSD website](#) as well as on [DJUSD Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

*Thank you for your partnership and understanding. We wish you a safe and restful holiday break.*

Public Information Office  
Davis Joint Unified School District

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## Seibert, Yvette

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**From:** Ortiz, Jesse  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 3:29 PM  
**Subject:** YOLO COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED FRIDAY  
**Attachments:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.docx

**Importance:** High

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 3:20 p.m.

Yolo County Office of Education: [jesse.ortiz@ycoe.org](mailto:jesse.ortiz@ycoe.org)

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN YOLO COUNTY TO CLOSE FRIDAY

All public school districts in Yolo County will be closed on Friday, November 16 due to unhealthy air quality conditions throughout the county.

The decision to close county districts was reached collectively on Thursday afternoon by the superintendents of Yolo County's 6 school districts.

In making this critical decision, the leaders of Yolo County schools weighed numerous factors, taking into consideration the safety of students and staff and the best interest of individual communities.

"This was not a decision reached lightly as we know that it is important for our students to be in school and learning," said Jesse Ortiz, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools. "The safety of students and staff is paramount and the poor air quality conditions throughout Yolo County made this a necessary step."

Families should check their school district websites for their school communities' most current communications.

**Jesse Ortiz, Ed.D. | Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

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December 13, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

On November 16, 2018 all of the school districts in Yolo County were closed due to the poor air quality from the Butte County Camp Fire. The decision to close the schools was agreed upon by all of the school district's leadership. The Yolo County Office of Education has shared with me that the school's ventilation systems are built and required to draw in outdoor air. The school ventilation systems, therefore, created indoor air which was similar to the unhealthy outdoor air quality. Students who had to wait for school buses had increased exposure to the unhealthy air. For these reasons, and others, I support the decision of the school districts to close on November 16, 2018.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Chapman, MD, MPH  
Yolo County  
Public Health Officer

**Davis**  
600 A Street  
Davis, CA 95616  
Mental Health (530) 757-5530

**West Sacramento**  
500 Jefferson Boulevard  
West Sacramento, CA 95605  
Service Center (916) 375-6200  
Mental Health (916) 375-6350  
Public Health (916) 375-6380

**Winters**  
111 East Grant Avenue  
Winters, CA 95694  
Service Center (530) 406-4444

**Woodland**  
25 & 137 N. Cottonwood Street  
Woodland, CA 95695  
Service Center (530) 661-2750  
Mental Health (530) 666-8630  
Public Health (530) 666-8645



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# NEWS RELEASE

**TOM TORLAKSON**  
State Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

REL#18-75  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November, 16 2018

CONTACT: Jonathan Mendick  
PHONE: 916-319-0818  
E-MAIL: [jmendick@cde.ca.gov](mailto:jmendick@cde.ca.gov)

## **State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson Assures Schools Closed Due to Hazardous Air Quality that State Funding Will Continue**

SACRAMENTO— State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson today reminded educators who close schools because of dangerous air quality that they can apply for a waiver to ensure they do not lose funding because of a drop in attendance. He also pledged that they would be assisted by administrators from the California Department of Education.

State law allows schools to continue to receive state funds from the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) if they have to close because of a natural disaster such as floods, fires, earthquakes or other extraordinary conditions, such as hazardous air quality

The California Department of Education does not keep precise numbers of school closings, but schools are closed in 22 counties.

“The tragic wildfires in California that have caused so much heartbreaking destruction and loss of life are continuing to harm some of our schools and communities,” Torlakson said. “I want to thank school districts for acting to protect educators and students, and to let them know that the California Department of Education will assist them in any way that we can. Safety must come first for students, teachers, and staff.”

Torlakson also encouraged schools facing poor air quality to keep students indoors during recess and meals. Air quality information is available at the **AirNow website**, and wildfire information is available from the **CAL FIRE website**.

Approval of school closures and material decrease in attendance may be requested by submitting a **Form J-13A**. For more guidance on the J-13A submittal and approval process, see the **CDE’s Form J-13A web page**. More information about recovery resources is available from the **CDE’s School Disaster Recovery web page**, and at this **CalOES web page**. Find more information regarding health and the effects of smoke and ash at the **CalEPA website**. Any impacted school or local education agency can contact [EmergencyServices@cde.ca.gov](mailto:EmergencyServices@cde.ca.gov) to connect with the CDE team.

### **Counties where one or more schools are closed:**

Alameda County

Butte County

Colusa County  
Contra Costa County  
Glenn County  
Lake County  
Los Angeles County  
Marin County  
Napa County  
Nevada County  
Placer County  
Solano County  
Sonoma County  
Sacramento County  
San Francisco County  
San Joaquin County  
San Mateo County  
Santa Clara County  
Sutter County  
Ventura County  
Yolo County  
Yuba County

Please contact your local school, district or county for the latest closure information.

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