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Dear LGSUHSD families,

The recent wildfires have created unimaginable hardships for many of our students, staff, and families who have needed to evacuate their homes and, in some cases, lost their homes and belongings. For many, there is and will continue to be uncertainty about what comes next. This is in the midst of a COVID pandemic that has already stretched and stressed resources and patience as families and schools face the challenges of educating students in a remote learning environment.

We recognize the myriad challenges faced by the victims of the wildfires, we want to support those affected. We know that it's definitely "not business as usual" for many families and we are working to be as flexible as possible with regard to instruction and expectations for students. To that end, we would like to gather as much information about the families impacted by the evacuations as possible.

If the fires and/or power outages are currently impacting your living situation, please click the link [here](#) to let us know - this will help us better understand the challenges you're facing and strategize to better support you.

In addition, if you are impacted by the fires, please do make sure that you've notified your teachers and your school guidance counselor so that they can support your student appropriately. Additional supports:

- If internet access is a challenge, we've opened our school libraries for student use during the school day
- If you do not have access to the technology hardware needed to do schoolwork, our tech team can provide Chromebooks and other devices for student use. If you need a **Chromebook during the COVID-19 school closure?** We continue to offer drive-thru pickup times for Chromebooks. If you need a device please complete the [form here](#) and we will send you information on the next available time. To receive a district issued Chromebook please fill out the [Student Equipment Checkout](#) document. Print out the completed document and bring it with you to one of our pick-up events. A Chromebook and charger will be provided to you at the next drive thru event. For other technology related questions, please email techsupport@lgsuhd.org.
- Situations such as this can create a great deal of anxiety, stress, and sadness for those impacted. If your student is in need of additional social emotional support, please contact your guidance counselor for additional counseling and support resources available through the school.

Please take care of yourselves and your families in these most trying times and let us know what we can do to help.

Mike Grove

Superintendent

Additional Support Resources:

- [Sign up for emergency notifications](#) from SCC Code Red
- [County Damage Assessment Map](#)
- [Santa Cruz County Fire Resources](#)
- [Live Evacuation Map](#)
- CalFire public information line: 831-335-6717
- Shelter Resources
 - [County emergency shelter map](#)
 - Red Cross hotline for emergency evacuees: 1-866-272-2237
 - KSBW has [a list of hotels](#) that are providing discounted rates for evacuees
 - List of [hotels with discounted rates for evacuees](#) in San Jose
 - [Hotels for Evacuees](#)
- Disaster Assistance Funds
 - [Immediate Assistance for Fire Victims](#) including food, shelter and other associated needs
 - [Disaster Loan Assistance](#) - US Small Business Administration
- Health Resources
 - Lightning Fires Temporary Medical Clinic is located at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville
 - Status of [drinking water supply and resources](#)
 - [Local air quality](#)
 - List yourself as [safe and well with the Red Cross. En español.](#)
 - Santa Cruz County Human Services benefits hotline: 1-888-421-8080
- Ways You Can Support
 - [Volunteer](#) for local shelters
 - Donate to the [Santa Cruz County Community Fire Response Fund](#)
- Sources of Information:
 - Cal Fire CZU: <https://twitter.com/CALFIRECZU>
 - Santa Cruz County: <https://twitter.com/sccounty>
 - Santa Cruz Sheriff's office: <https://twitter.com/SantaCruzSO1>