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Solano County Office of Education Site Closures

At approximately 12:57 pm, the Solano County Office of Education's (SCOE) main office building in Cordelia evacuated to SCOE's Golden Hills Education Center in Fairfield. The main office is less than three miles from the expanding mandatory evacuation area near Green Valley.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson commented, "For the safety of our employees, classified staff was released at 10 am. Management staff remained onsite to ensure that all employees were aware of the updated school closures. Our office has also been closely monitoring alerts from public service agencies such as the Fairfield Police Department, Cal Fire, Solano Sheriff's Office, and through the Nixle notification system."

As of this afternoon, five of the six unified school districts (USD), namely Vallejo City USD, Benicia USD, Fairfield-Suisun USD, Vacaville USD, and Travis USD, have closed schools through this Friday. Dixon USD remains open at this time. The air quality has been a major factor in deciding to close the schools. Vallejo City USD will remain closed through Monday due to a previously scheduled professional development day for staff.

The following Solano County Office of Education school sites are also closed through the end of this week:

- Golden Hills Special Education classes
- Fairfield Adult School
- T.C. McDaniel Center
- Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services (DUCS)
- Irene Larsen Center
- Golden Hills Court and Community Schools

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will update SCOE's website www.solanocoe.net and social media outlets as needed. "We are extremely concerned about the well-being and safety of our students, staff, and community members," stated Estrella-Henderson. "Please know that our thoughts are with you during this frightening ordeal. We know that the fires have caused a great deal of devastation to many families, colleagues, and friends. Please know that you are not alone, and we are here to assist you during this time of need. We will pass along pertinent information as it becomes available to us. Your safety and well-being are our priority."

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