



DATE: May 17, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Approve California Department of Education Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions

PRESENTED BY: Todd Rivera, Assistant Superintendent Chief Business Officer

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The District was closed for 2 days in September due to hazardous smoke from the Mosquito Fire. The District then experienced winter storm events from November through March, which resulted in multiple school closures. All schools were closed for 12 "snow days" (with Donner Trail Elementary closed for 16 "snow days"). The winter storms brought heavy snows, blizzard conditions, and frequent minor and major road closures. This created unsafe travel conditions and provided no safe access or ability to transport students to school sites. In addition, the volume of snow made it difficult to clear safe access for staff and students prior to the start of the school day. Truckee High School and Truckee Elementary School were both closed for 2 additional days due to structural snow load concerns on the roofs due to snow accumulation. The District was required to remove snow from roofs to bring the snow load below design thresholds before re-occupying buildings. The District incorporated 5 "snow days" into its calendar, all of which were utilized. Our closure dates requested are for 2 days due to hazardous smoke from the Mosquito Fire and 7 additional "snow days" at all sites. On top of these days, we are requesting 4 additional days for Donner Trail Elementary, 2 additional days for Truckee High School, and 2 additional days for Truckee Elementary School.

The state provides a waiver process so that Local Education Agencies (LEA) are not penalized because of this natural phenomenon. When an LEA is closed or when there is a material decrease in ADA due to an emergency, school agencies may file a J-13A waiver with the California Department of Education (CDE) per Education Code Sections 41422 and 46390 et seq., and California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 428. Approval of the waiver allows the school agency to receive credit for the lost ADA for the day(s) of the closure, as well as for the missed instructional time.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment: 2022-2023 J-13A Waiver for All School Sites