



**DATE:** August 17, 2022

**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, Executive Director of Business Services

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### **ACTION REQUESTED**

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

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The first day of school for the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District was postponed by 4 school days due to the Caldor Fire, as a portion of our school district was in a mandatory evacuation zone. The District then experienced winter storm events during the months of October 2021 through April 2022, which resulted in multiple school closures. All schools were closed for 5 "snow days" (with Donner Trail Elementary closed for 6 "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. The District incorporated 5 "snow days" into its calendar, all of which were utilized. Our closure dates requested are for those caused by our postponed start due to the Caldor Fire at all sites and 1 additional "snow day" at Donner Trail Elementary.

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. We will discuss additional options and seek Board input to regain instructional minutes and school days.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:** N/A

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Attachment: 2021-2022 J-13A Waiver for All School Sites