TO: Regional Superintendents
All Regions

FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Director
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

DATE: August 29, 2023

SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY AND HEAT ADVISORIES FOR AUGUST 30, 2023

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) forecasts air quality levels on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, to be “unhealthy for sensitive groups” for communities located within the West San Gabriel Valley and San Gabriel Mountains. Sensitive or susceptible persons, including children, older adults, and those with heart or lung disease should minimize outdoor activity. Refer to the attached maps of schools that fall within these designated areas.

In addition, the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Heat Advisory for the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Mountains, and Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area through Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

All District personnel must be prudent in modifying activities to avoid heat stress related illness and cognizant of injuries that may result from contact with hot surfaces such as play equipment and outdoor surfaces. Policy Bulletin BUL-963.2 (Guidelines for Preventing Heat Stress) and Policy Bulletin BUL-6862.0 (Guidelines for Preventing Thermal Contact Burns from Play Surfaces) provide guidance for all schools and offices.

For more information related to heat illness prevention, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) provides access to additional educational and training resources at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will continue to monitor air quality and weather conditions and provide updates as necessary. Please share this information as needed. Additional information may be found in each school’s Integrated Safe School Plan. Should you have any questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact my office at (213) 241-3199.

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