

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT UPDATE FOR ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS RELATED TO AIR QUALITY CONDITIONS**

In the Elk Grove Unified School District, the wellness and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. After careful consideration, continuous monitoring of air quality conditions across our District and thoughtful planning to meet the needs of our students and staff, EGUSD officials have made the decision to close all of its school sites effective Friday, November 16, 2018. The decision to close all District schools during these extraordinary conditions was taken very seriously.

Schools remained open today to provide all students a safe learning environment to ensure they were supervised and fed. The District has been following the recommendations of public officials to keep students indoors, cancel all outdoor activities and limit exposure to smoky air.

To ensure the well-being of our students tomorrow, the District's food and nutrition services team has worked diligently to prepare an individually packed meal for students who are Free and Reduced Lunch eligible. The meal may be picked up at the student's school by 5:00 p.m. this evening. As planned, school and District offices will remain closed through the Thanksgiving break.

For information and safety tips related to air quality, please review the following fliers:

[Safety Tips for Children](#)

[Safety Tips for Residents](#)

For additional Spare the Air information, please visit: <http://www.sparetheair.com/wildfire.cfm>

**About the Elk Grove Unified School District**

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

For more information about the Elk Grove Unified School District, please visit [www.egusd.net](http://www.egusd.net) and follow us @ElkGroveUnified on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [Eventbrite](#).

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