



El Sausal Middle School

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Dear SUHSD Staff & Community,

I want to express my appreciation to our community for the flexibility and adjustments that became necessary in terms of having to cancel classes today. We understand this has impacts on students, families, and the entire community and our goal is to return to school very soon.

By the look of the weather today, it may be hard to understand why we are not in school. However, as stated in our previous message, we are following the rise of water in the Salinas River and the possibility of several road closures including those that connect Salinas to the Monterey Peninsula. Local authorities have provided information that the river could reach a critical stage today between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. With that possibility, we canceled classes because we would have a significant number of staff who would not be able to get to work locations to serve our students. There are additional staff impacted by the severe weather in other counties that also contribute to almost 25% of our available staff not being able to get to work sites.

Looking ahead to Friday, January 13, 2023. We have been notified that additional rain is expected and that will continue through the weekend. This will cause additional stress on the rivers and the prediction is that the river will stay at a critical level through early next week.

Based on all of the information we have today, we are going to extend the cancellation of classes through Friday, January 13, 2023. With next Monday being a holiday, we will plan for a return to classes on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.