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SUBJECT: Great California ShakeOut Drill

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The Riverside County Office of Education is pleased to announce our participation in ***"The Great California ShakeOut."*** We would also like to announce our association with the Earthquake Country Alliance (ECA). The ECA is a public-private partnership of leading earthquake professionals, emergency managers, government officials, business and community leaders throughout the state of California who in partnership help to raise the awareness of all Californians in earthquake preparedness and safety strategies.

Last year's drill, held in Southern California, was such a huge success, with over 5.4 million people participating, that the state of California has now adopted the third Thursday of October, as the day for the annual ***"Great California ShakeOut"*** drill.

On Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 10:15 a.m., millions of people, including students, will again practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Since schools are required to conduct earthquake drills every year, districts are highly encouraged to participate in the ShakeOut.

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RCOE encourages districts and schools to develop and promote their own ShakeOut activities and events such as providing emergency preparedness information to parents, posting links on their websites, and presenting classroom lessons. Additional resource information can be found on the website.

To participate, please go to www.shakeout.org/schools/register and pledge your participation. Registered participants will receive information on how to plan their drill and how to encourage a dialogue with others about disaster preparedness.

For more information about ShakeOut, go to www.ShakeOut.org or contact the Riverside County ShakeOut school associate Michael D'Amico, Emergency Management Coordinator, Safe Schools Unit at (951) 826-6250 or mdamico@rcoe.us.

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