



Los Angeles Unified School District

Board of Education

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Ms. Galatzan, Board District 3 – In Support of Earthquake Preparedness

Whereas, Major earthquakes pose a particular, significant, and ongoing threat to the entire Los Angeles region;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District acknowledges the importance of enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards in order to reduce human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services, and economic losses caused by those hazards;

Whereas, Community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community;

Whereas, District schools have completed regular, full-scale earthquake drills for over 20 years;

Whereas, On November 13, 2008, the District is participating in the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history, known as The Great Southern California ShakeOut;

Whereas, Participating in The Great Southern California ShakeOut will give the District emergency responders the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of their emergency response plans, foster collaborative working relationships, and enhance overall response capabilities and communications;

Whereas, By participating in The Great Southern California ShakeOut, the District has the opportunity to join and support all Southern Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency;

Whereas, The District can utilize the information on www.ShakeOut.org to educate its constituents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards and participating in earthquake drills; and

Whereas, Students and employees can encourage other community stakeholders to also participate in the ShakeOut “Drop Cover and Hold on” earthquake drill on November 13 at 10 a.m. by registering at www.ShakeOut.org;

now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Unified School District hereby encourages participation in the Great Southern California Shakeout on November 13.