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TO: San Bernardino County K-12 School Districts

FROM: Gary S. Thomas, Ed.D., County Superintendent 

SUBJECT: The Great Southern California ShakeOut on November 13, 2008

In an effort to prepare our county schools for the next large earthquake, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools would like to encourage districts to participate in the Great Southern California ShakeOut on Thursday, November 13, 2008.

The ShakeOut is a "Duck, Cover and Hold On" earthquake drill that will take place at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2008 with police and fire agencies, businesses, schools, churches and other community groups participating throughout Southern California. The drill scenario is a magnitude 7.8 earthquake on our section of the San Andreas Fault from the Salton Sea to Palmdale. The ShakeOut focuses on getting civilians, schools, community groups, churches and others prepared so that in the event of an earthquake, lives are saved.

To register go to www.ShakeOut.org/register to pledge your district's participation in the drill. Participants will receive information on how to plan their drill and encourage a dialogue with others about disaster preparedness.

We also encourage districts and schools to develop and promote their own ShakeOut activities and events such as providing emergency preparedness information to parents and employees, posting links on district/school websites and providing classroom lessons. These resources and other information can be found at www.ShakeOut.org.