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San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

DATE: February 18, 2010
TO: District Superintendents
FROM: Gary S. Thomas, Ed.D., County Superintendent
SUBJECT: Great California ShakeOut 2010

Please find attached State Superintendent Jack O'Connell's annual letter encouraging your participation in the Great California ShakeOut. This year's statewide drill will take place on October 21, 2010 at 10:21 a.m. While I know it is early and many of you are in the midst of budget discussions, I wanted to forward this information to you so you can place the event on school calendars and begin your planning efforts.

The first step is for your district and schools to register your participation at the Great California ShakeOut Web site at <http://www.shakeout.org>. The ShakeOut Web site provides a multitude of resources schools may choose to use in the classroom or to distribute to parents about earthquakes and the ShakeOut drill. Some of the materials are available in Spanish as well.

The drill scenario is an opportunity for staff and students to prepare and practice for a catastrophic earthquake. Additionally, the ShakeOut drill provides schools and local agencies the opportunity to coordinate emergency operation response efforts through a practice exercise.

Last year's statewide drill was very successful with more than 6.9 million people participating. In San Bernardino County, I am pleased to say that 85 percent of our districts participated. It would be great to have 100 percent participation from San Bernardino County school districts this year, showing that all districts in our county are taking active steps to be prepared in the event of an earthquake.

My office will provide additional information to districts regarding The Great California ShakeOut activities in August. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Linda Fabr e, director of Risk Management Services, at 909-386-2417.

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