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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Garry T. Eagles, County Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT – OCTOBER 21, 10:21 A.M.**

This year the Great American Shakeout ***“Drop, Cover and Hold On” earthquake preparedness drill has been scheduled for October 21, at 10:21 a.m.*** This is an excellent opportunity to meet one of your school or district’s earthquake drill requirements. If you would like to participate, please log on to <http://www.shakeout.org> to register your school district and find additional resources for the event and earthquake preparedness. As the school year approaches you will receive materials that you can post at your site and distribute to your staff and students.

The ShakeOut is being organized by the Earthquake Country Alliance, a statewide organization linking the public information efforts of organizations and individuals that provide earthquake information and services. Participants include the Redwood Coast Tsunami workgroup, and the Bay Area, Central Coast, and Southern California Earthquake alliances.

Last year this effort was extremely well received and successful with 88% of local schools participating. Having a plan and knowing what to do during an earthquake provides a calming effect and helps identify additional needs to be addressed during such an occurrence.

I would encourage you to participate in this valuable effort!

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