

Chualar Union Elementary School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Chualar School Closure for Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Per the Office of Emergency Services briefing this morning, the alert is a repetition of yesterday's concerns. The next atmospheric river (AR) is expected to hit our region this evening with the full brunt hitting us in the early hours of tomorrow morning. This event is predicted to include significant winds. A high wind warning has been issued starting tonight through tomorrow. Salinas River level predictions show decreasing levels today but jumping back up after the atmospheric river (AR) passes. Overall, rivers, especially the Salinas River, will remain at the flood stage over the next several days. Officials have no solid predictions, but remained concerned.

There is a significant probability it will be impossible for all teachers to arrive at school safely or return home safely at the end of the day. For this reason and after speaking to personnel of the Monterey County Office of Education and Monterey Office of Emergency Services, I have decided, with Board approval, to close school for one more day on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023. For this reason, we, again, remind you of the following preparedness and safety recommendations:

Situational Awareness - At or in route to school or at home, be aware of your surroundings such as downed trees, downed power lines, and flooding as examples of potential risk. Report those situations to the appropriate agencies and ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Standard Preparedness at Home - Have plenty of fuel in your vehicle, and enough food/water for at least 48-72 hours should the power go out. If you or someone in your home has medical conditions that require medications, ensure to have at least a 10-day supply available. Flash lights and battery powered devices such as cell phones should be charging when not in use.

Driving conditions - Keep eyes on the road at all times. If you see a flooded road, report it. If you see downed trees, do not attempt to go through the area. Report it and turn around. Constantly scan your road and your surroundings for potential hazards. Stay safe and stay alert.

CHUALAR SCHOOL WILL REOPEN AS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 TO A MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE TO HELP ACCOMMODATE PARENT CONFERENCES, Be safe everyone!

**Ms. Martha Gallegos, Board President
Mr. Domingo Rangel, Board Member
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