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Sonoma County Schools Fire Relief Supporter:

You are receiving this letter because you have kindly offered to help Sonoma County schools in some way. Some of you have gathered items already; others are looking for the best way to assist.

On behalf of all our schools, we want to say a big **thank you**. The outpouring of support has been heartwarming and inspiring to see. We wish we could tell you exactly what each school needed today, but we are learning that it takes a great deal of time for our schools to assess the true extent of the damage and need in their communities. Some schools have not resumed session yet and will not know more until that time. Please bear with us as we determine where your help can best be used. We will stay in touch with future updates. **For now, here are some concrete steps you can take:**

### **If you would like to gather supplies:**

At this time, most basic supplies are taken care of thanks to a flood of donations into our community. We continue to gather information from school districts about what is needed. Future opportunities to gather supplies to help restock classroom may become available. We'll be back in touch as these needs arise.

### **If you want to adopt a school or classroom:**

Schools are still determining their need in this regard, but some have expressed interest. Please hold tight if you have already offered this. We will get back in touch with you when we know more.

### **If you want to donate directly to school districts:**

SCOE has established a Sonoma County Schools Fire Relief fund. Please visit [www.scoe.org/schoolfirerelief](http://www.scoe.org/schoolfirerelief) to donate. If you do not specify a school district or specific need you'd like your donation to fund, then we will be following a deliberate process of matching the funds with the schools that are serving the most impacted students. It will enable them to get needed supplies in the long months ahead, and heading into the holiday season when students will surely be needing items for school and comfort. If you'd prefer to donate to a different fund, we've listed some great ones at [scoe.org/schoolfirerelief](http://scoe.org/schoolfirerelief).

Thank you again for your support of our schools and students.

Sincerely,

**Sonoma County Office of Education**

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