

Great California Shakeout Resolution

Whereas, Elk Grove Unified School District recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storms, drought, extreme heat or cold, or dam failure, and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

Whereas, major earthquakes could pose a particular, significant, and ongoing threat to the entire state of California; and

Whereas, Elk Grove Unified School District has a responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally as well as with students and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and

Whereas, the protection of Elk Grove Unified employees will allow them to facilitate the continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event; and

Whereas, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community - individuals, families, schools, community organizations, businesses, and government; and

Whereas, over 145,700 individuals throughout Sacramento County are currently registered to participate in this year's Shakeout; and

Whereas, by participating in the Great California Shakeout on October 15, 2020, Elk Grove Unified School District has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

Whereas, by registering at <http://www.shakeout.org/california/>, Elk Grove Unified employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop Cover and Hold on" earthquake drill on October 15 at 10: 17 a.m., and encourage the students, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders to also register and participate.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Elk Grove Unified School District hereby approves participating in the Great California Shakeout by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of preparing our County for the purposes of building a safer community and reducing the loss of lives and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today.

Approved:

Christopher R. Hoffman
Secretary to the Board of Education