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Dear MCS Families,

Air quality has continued to decline throughout the day. As a result, all activities have been cancelled following the close of the After School Education & Safety program, or ASES, this afternoon. This affects all indoor and outdoor activities, including performances, dances, athletic activities and competitions. We have monitored air quality conditions the entire week, keeping our students indoors during recess, P.E. and after school programs, based on recommendations from Stanislaus County Public Health Department and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

This is not a decision we take lightly, but one that has been made after careful consideration and continuous monitoring of the air quality which continues to get worse. Our top priority is the safety and health of our students and staff. Air quality began to reach hazardous levels this afternoon, with little indication it will be better.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented situation and we ask that you limit your child's outdoor activities until air quality improves.

We anticipate air quality improving over the weekend and look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday morning.

Sincerely,

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D
Superintendent
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