



SAN JACINTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Subject: Emergency School Release Due to Flooding - Immediate Action Required

Dear Coldspring ISD and Shepherd ISD Administration,

I hope this memo finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an urgent situation that requires immediate attention. The Trinity River is expected to experience a rapid rise, leading to the potential flooding of roadways, highways, and bridges and neighborhoods in the vicinity of our school districts.

Considering the safety and well-being of the students, staff, and the community, we recommend an emergency release of schools in both Coldspring ISD and Shepherd ISD. This preemptive measure aims to ensure that everyone can navigate the affected areas safely and without undue risk. For an Early Release on January 24, 2024 and full closure on January 25, 2024 and January 26, 2024

Key Points:

- 1. Trinity River Flooding:** The Trinity River is anticipated to rise rapidly, posing a threat to the accessibility of roads, highways, and bridges in the region.
- 2. Immediate Action:** We strongly advise an emergency release of schools to allow students, staff, and parents sufficient time to travel home before the situation worsens.
- 3. Communication:** It is crucial to communicate this decision promptly and clearly to all stakeholders, including parents, guardians, and staff members. Utilize all available communication channels, such as official school websites, social media platforms, and automated messaging systems.
- 4. Monitoring the Situation:** Continue monitoring the situation closely and provide regular updates to keep everyone informed about developments and any changes in the emergency release plan.
- 5. Coordination with Local Authorities:** Collaborate with local authorities, emergency services, and transportation authorities to ensure a smooth and organized process for the emergency release.

Please treat this matter with the utmost urgency and take all necessary actions to safeguard the well-being of our school communities. If there are any specific protocols or guidelines in place for such situations, please follow them accordingly.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If there are any further updates or changes to the situation, please keep all stakeholders informed.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the safety of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Emmitt L. Eldridge II

Emergency Management Coordinator

San Jacinto County Office of Emergency Management

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County Judge

San Jacinto County

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