



AMADOR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Torie F. Gibson, Ed.D., Superintendent

(209) 257-5353 | Fax (209) 257-5360 | torie.gibson@acusd.org

217 Rex Avenue, Jackson, CA 95642 | www.amadorcoe.org

March 3, 2023

Dear Amador County Families and Community,

Although it seems we are finally on the tail end of this storm, the hard freeze and the large amount of snow on the ground have continued to create unsafe road conditions for our students and staff living upcountry. In addition to these conditions, we have been checking in with staff today and have determined that a large number are snowed in or unable to safely leave their homes.

Because we still cannot safely transport students to and from school, and because of the staffing shortages that would occur if we were to open, all ACUSD schools and district-sponsored activities/events will remain closed tomorrow, Thursday, March 2, 2023.

We have been working closely with the Amador County Office of Emergency Services (OES), as well as the California Department of Education Emergency Response Team to assess our needs going forward. Like many communities throughout California, the Amador County Sheriff has declared a state of emergency in order to help provide additional assistance to our community moving forward, and the Board of Supervisors is expected to ratify this on Friday. We have also been in communication with PG&E and they hope to have power restored for upcountry residents by tomorrow afternoon. With the damage across the state, resources are limited and they are doing their best.

It is our hope that with the higher temperatures and clear forecast tomorrow, the road conditions will improve greatly and we will be able to safely hold school on Friday, March 3, 2023.

Thank you, and we hope you are staying safe and warm.

Sincerely,

Torie F. Gibson, Ed.D.
Superintendent, ACOE & ACUSD