

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-24-21**

**WHEREAS** on July 23, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Butte, Lassen, and Plumas counties due to the Dixie Fire; and

**WHEREAS** the Dixie Fire is the second largest fire in California history, burning nearly one million acres of land; and

**WHEREAS** the Dixie Fire destroyed or damaged school facilities as well as homes of students, teachers, and other school personnel in Plumas County; and

**WHEREAS** certain school facilities remain inaccessible and unusable due to damage from the Dixie Fire, and it is critical that displaced students are placed back in temporary school facilities to ensure for continuity in education; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the Dixie Fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution, and in particular, Government Code section 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The statutory waivers contained in this Order governing the activities of schools shall extend through the 2021-2022 school year.
2. For the purposes of this Order, local educational agency means school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools.
3. To the extent local educational agencies are required to use temporary facilities as a result of damage to, or inaccessibility of, school buildings due to the Dixie Fire in Plumas County, the requirements of Education Code sections 17280, et seq., 17365, et seq., and Government Code sections 4453 and 14963 are waived with respect to those temporary facilities. The requirements of the California Building Code (codified in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), as adopted and enforced by the local building and fire agencies with jurisdiction over the area, shall apply to these temporary facilities.
4. To the extent local educational agencies are required to use temporary buildings as defined in the California Building Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 2, section 202) in adjacent localities to immediately and temporarily serve their students as a result of the destruction or

inaccessibility of their existing schools due to the Dixie Fire in Plumas County, local planning and zoning regulations shall be suspended to allow immediate occupancy of such buildings for use as public school facilities. In addition, the requirements of the California Building Code, as adopted and enforced by the local building and fire agencies with jurisdiction over this area, shall apply, except that the requirements relating to Change of Use or Occupancy Classification in the California Building Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 1, section 111) shall not trigger immediate code upgrades, and a Certificate of Occupancy shall not be withheld for such immediate and temporary use of the facilities as a public school as long as such facilities met building code requirements at the time of their construction, are accessible to individuals with disabilities, and are judged safe for use by the local building official.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
California to be affixed this 22nd day  
of December 2021.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State