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**Following Warehouse Fire in Boyle Heights, LAUSD Education
Foundation Launches Emergency Relief Campaign**

To meet need, Foundation calls for greater community investment

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Unified School District Education Foundation today announced that more than \$100,000 in financial assistance and critical supplies will be distributed to support LAUSD families and schools affected by the warehouse fire in Boyle Heights. This investment from the Foundation's Compassion Fund includes critical funding from the California Community Foundation and 13,000 N95 masks from Chevron. This builds on an initial \$50,000 investment last week that assisted 100 families and students living within a one-mile radius of the Boyle Heights warehouse fire who were displaced or whose schools were relocated.

To meet the full scale of the crisis, the Foundation is seeking to raise an additional \$50,000. To support LAUSD students and families affected by the warehouse fire in Boyle Heights, please visit lausdedfoundation.org/our-work/compassion-fund.

While active firefighting is complete, lingering health impacts from toxic residue and economic insecurity remain top of mind in a historically underserved community.

"The Foundation is deeply grateful to the California Community Foundation for its partnership and support," said **Sadie Jefferson, executive director of the LAUSD Education Foundation**. "Boyle Heights is the heartbeat of Los Angeles Unified and home to many of our families. Last week's warehouse fire disrupted the lives of hundreds of students and underscored how vulnerable many families are during emergencies. These resources will provide immediate relief and help ensure students and their families have what they need to stay safe as the community recovers. But there is still more to do, which is why we're asking Angelenos to join us in supporting these families."

Eligible Boyle Heights families and students can apply for Foundation-based cash assistance by visiting the local schools listed below. This direct cash assistance will help local LAUSD families purchase heavy-duty air purifiers, masks, and other essential safety supplies for their homes. These funds can also help replace lost income for families affected by the fire, covering basic needs like housing, food and utilities.

"Our students and families deserve access to a good life, and making that a reality means ensuring they don't have to worry about the quality of the air they're breathing, or the health impacts they face in their own homes," said **Miguel A. Santana, President & CEO of the California Community**

Foundation. “As the community’s foundation, we are committed to stepping up when crisis strikes. That’s what our Impact Fund was created for and we’re honored to meet this moment for LAUSD’s students and families.”

Priority will be given to families who live within a one-mile radius of the warehouse fire and have at least one student enrolled at one of the following schools:

- Christopher Dena Elementary School
- Dacotah Early Education Center
- Stevenson Middle School
- Eastman Early Education Center
- Eastman Avenue Elementary School
- Lorena Street Elementary School
- Rowan Avenue Elementary School
- Amanecer Primary Center

Student IDs and addresses will be verified by LAUSD staff

Officials from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, within LAUSD, have taken proactive steps to protect the health and safety of students and staff, including relocating schools closest to the warehouse fire, upgrading filtration systems, distributing masks, and deploying portable air conditioning units to limit the intake of outside air in buildings in partnership with the Air Quality Management District. However, many Boyle Heights families and those in surrounding neighborhoods may not have access to similar protections at home, where they continue to live and work amid the region’s toxic smoke.

To streamline relief for affected students and families, the LAUSD Education Foundation and the school district are coordinating support at centralized campus locations. At these sites, families can simultaneously access the District's emergency resources and apply for the Foundation’s independent, philanthropically-funded Compassion Fund.

Eligible families may apply for cash assistance – and access the full suite of available support – from July 2 through July 8 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., excluding weekends, or until available funds are exhausted, at:

- Sunrise Elementary School, 2821 E 7th St, Los Angeles, CA 90023
- Humphreys Avenue Elementary School, 500 S Humphreys Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022
- Belvedere Middle School, 312 N Record Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90063

About the LAUSD Education Foundation

The LAUSD Education Foundation is the independent nonprofit partner of the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Foundation serves as a bridge between philanthropy and public education, helping ensure resources reach the nearly 500,000 students across Los Angeles who need them

most. For more information or to support educators and schools impacted by the wildfires and other emergencies, please contact the Foundation at info@lausdedfoundation.org.

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