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**CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS CLOSED
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

The Capistrano Unified School District has announced its schools will be closed Friday, September 9, 2011 due to the power outage.

According to the District's press release (attached), all schools in the Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD) will be closed on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, due to the power outage affecting Southern Orange and San Diego counties. A decision regarding Friday evening sporting events has not yet been made. Power is expected to be restored in time for school on Monday. For more information, please call the District's Hotline at (949) 234-5575, which will be open at 7 a.m. or visit the District website at www.capousd.org.

The Public Information Hotline has been staffed and is ready to accept calls of inquiry from the public in regard to the power outage. The Public Information Hotline phone number is (714) 628-7085. Unless you have a life threatening emergency, please do not call 9-1-1.

For information on the status of the efforts by San Diego Gas and Electric to restore electric power, please visit, www.sdge.com.

(Attachment – CUSD Press Release)

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CAPISTRANO UNIFIED CLASSES CANCELLED DUE TO SDG&E POWER OUTAGE

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO—All schools in the Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD) will be closed on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, due to the power outage affecting Southern Orange and San Diego counties.

The District, like many school districts serviced by San Diego Gas and Electric, has decided to cancel classes for its students. A decision regarding Friday evening sporting events has not yet been made.

“We have no assurance that power will be restored by the time school begins tomorrow morning, and local emergency jurisdictions have advised the District to suspend classes until power is restored,” Superintendent Joe Farley said. “We are sorry for the obvious inconvenience to our working families, but it is clearly not proper to have students in school without electricity to power key systems including lights, refrigeration, and computers.”

The decision to close schools was made for a number of reasons, including the lack of power at school sites and the difficulty many staff members will have commuting to work from their homes in Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties. Only the CUSD staff members who have been specifically notified should report to work on Friday, Sept. 9.

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