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Dear SRJC student,

As the Mendocino Complex fires devastate Mendocino and Lake Counties, I imagine many of you are likely reminded of the fires that decimated Sonoma County only 10 months ago, causing many of our friends, family and neighbors to lose homes and for some to lose their lives.

While the current fires are located well north of our campuses, it's important to remember that our district stretches north of Sonoma County and that some of our students may be directly affected and some may have lost their homes.

I wanted to reach out to all students and remind every one of you that there are resources here at SRJC for you. We are committed to ensuring that you receive the support services you need so that you can continue your college education uninterrupted.

If you recently lost your home, I encourage you to submit an application to the SRJC Fire Relief Fund, which provides up to \$500 to SRJC students and employees who lost their homes. Our generous local community came together in October 2017 to raise these funds to support SRJC and we will continue to support you now. Please [click here](#) to apply.

Many of us may also be feeling a great need for emotional support, as we've only just begun to heal from last year's ordeal. Please see [this website](#) for extensive resources including a 24/7 phone hotline and text-line, both available in English and Spanish, and many other resources.

Our Student Life, Equity & Engagement Office is also available to provide additional resources for students. Please contact them directly at (707) 527-4424 or [studentaffairs@santarosa.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@santarosa.edu).

Finally, as our brave firefighters risk their lives to contain these fires, let us continue to join together to support one another and to remain #SRJCstrong/#SRJCuerte, #SonomaStrong and now, #MendocinoStrong.

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