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As Extended Extreme Heat Scorches Schools, Governor Newsom's Administration and State Legislators to Highlight Historic \$150 Million Investment to Help Green California Schools

WHEN: THURSDAY, September 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m. -10:40 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Media Availability in English and Spanish
- 10:25 a.m. Media Q&A

WHERE: Pacoima Middle School

9945 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

(entrance to parking lot is located at the corner of Glamis St. and Laurel Canyon Blvd.)

Live Stream: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePeopleorg>

WHAT:

CA Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot, Sen. Bob Hertzberg, Assemblymembers Luz Rivas and Lisa Calderon, LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez, TreePeople, students and community members will celebrate the historic investment of \$150 million included in the state budget to green schools across California. The action approved by the California Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom comes as six million CA school children attend asphalt-covered schoolyards during the longest and hottest heat wave to sweep across the state this year. The state's unprecedented increased investment, administered through CALFIRE, will provide additional resources to protect kids, teachers and the school community from extreme heat and the highly dangerous "urban heat island effect". Shade from trees alone can lower surface temperatures by up to 45 degrees and cool the air around them, lowering air temperatures by up to 9 degrees.

WHO:

- California Secretary for Natural Resources Agency Wade Crowfoot
- Senate Majority Leader Emeritus Bob Hertzberg
- California Assemblymember Luz Rivas, District 39 (San Fernando Valley)
- California Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, District 37 (San Gabriel Valley)
- Kelly Gonez, President LAUSD Board of Education, District 6
- Cindy Montañez, TreePeople CEO
- Local community leaders

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