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Memo

To: YCUSD – All Staff Members

From: Robert Shemwell

cc: YCUSD Board Members

Date: August 25, 2017

Re: **Suspension of Drone Activities**

Attention all YCUSD Staff Members

For the 2017/2018 school year, all drones and UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) are strictly prohibited from use for personal recreation and for instructional use.

The use of drones and UAVs do pose a safety and security threat near or over people, which includes occupied gymnasiums, sports stadiums, fields, outdoor sporting events, and graduation ceremonies. Because there has not been clear direction from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) on specific use guidelines, YCUSD will not allow use of these devices on campuses, during and after regular school hours.

Any person that uses these devices on school property must be asked to stop use of the device. Students using devices on school property must have the device temporarily confiscated from them until school has been dismissed.

Should any individual disregard the District's ban on drones and UAVs, under the event of personal property damage or personal injury; Yuba City Unified School District, its Officers, Agents and Officials will be held harmless from and against any and all liability, claims, damage, cost, expenses, awards, fines, judgements, and attorney fees (including, without limitation, costs attorney fees, expert witness fees, and other expenses of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with an individual's use of drone or UAV. Such loss or damage will be the cause of willful misconduct.

