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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Suzuka City Meisei Elementary School
Principal Hiroyuki Matsuura

地震(震度5強以上)発生時及び南海トラフ地震臨時情報発表時等に伴う対応について
Response in the Event of an Earthquake (Magnitude 5 or Higher) or the Issuance of Special Alerts Regarding the Nankai Trough Earthquake

In light of the recent increase in earthquake-related damage across the country, and to ensure the safety of our children, we are providing the following information regarding the response procedures for our city's public kindergartens, elementary schools, and junior high schools in the event of an earthquake [Seismic Intensity of 5 or higher] or the issuance of special alerts regarding the Nankai Trough Earthquake [Under Investigation, Major Earthquake Alert, or Major Earthquake Warning].

【Response in Case of Earthquake with Seismic Intensity of 5+ or Higher Within the City】

◆If an earthquake with a seismic intensity of 5 Upper or higher occurs within the city between the time students leave school and the time they arrive at school the next day, all public kindergartens, elementary schools, and junior high schools in the city will be temporarily closed. School meals will also be suspended.

◆If an earthquake with a seismic intensity of 5+ or higher occurs within the city on a school holiday or the day before a school holiday, all public kindergartens, elementary schools, and junior high schools in the city will be temporarily closed on the following weekday, and school meals will be suspended. Furthermore, if the day following the holiday is not a regular school day (such as a substitute holiday or a long vacation), all activities for children and students—including club activities—will be canceled. However, this does not apply if the safety of school facilities and school routes is confirmed during the closure period.

◆The Board of Education office and the school will consult regarding the reopening of the school following an earthquake. If the school reopens, we will announce this via our school website and the tetoru app.

◆Even if the seismic intensity is 5- or lower, the school may be temporarily closed depending on the extent of damage to the school and the surrounding area. If the school is temporarily closed, school lunches will also be canceled.

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◆The following guidelines apply to students while they are at school and during their commute to and from school.

※While at school: Classes will be suspended, and students will be released to their parents or guardians.

※On the way to or from school: Please follow the instructions in the “My Disaster Preparedness Card.”

【Response in the Event of a Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Advisory】

◆If a Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Advisory [Major Earthquake Warning] is issued, the school will be temporarily closed for one week. School meals will also be suspended.

◆In general, school will resume one week later. However, depending on the disaster situation and evacuation conditions, we may consider extending the temporary closure. If school resumes, we will notify you via our website, email, and other means.

◆If a Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Alert [Under Investigation, Major Earthquake Advisory] is issued, the Board of Education will consider measures such as temporary school closures and notify the schools. If schools are temporarily closed, school lunches will also be canceled.

◆If a Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Alert [Investigation Complete] is issued, students should review their daily earthquake preparedness measures and proceed with their normal routines.

◆The following procedures apply if a Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Alert [Major Earthquake Warning] is issued while students are at school or commuting to and from school.

※While at school: Classes will be suspended, and students will be released to their parents or guardians.

※On the way to or from school: Please follow the instructions in the “My Disaster Preparedness Card. However, if a student comes to school without knowing about the announcement, they will be handed over at the school upon arrival. If they are already on their way home, they will be allowed to go home as planned.

◆If a Nankai Trough Earthquake Emergency Alert [Under Investigation, Major Earthquake Advisory] is issued while students are on campus or commuting to and from school, we will determine the appropriate response based on the situation.

Please take this opportunity to review and discuss with your family the information regarding evacuation shelters listed in your “Disaster Preparedness Card.”