

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

As many of you are undoubtedly aware, Bosch Bahá'í School, a permanent Bahá'í school located in northern California, was in the direct path of recent wildfires devastating that area. The staff were all evacuated several days ago and are safe, for which we are deeply grateful. According to reports that are now coming in, the property sustained severe damage to a number of structures; many were a total loss, including the cabins. However, several other buildings, including most of the major structures, appear to have been spared. Fire risk continues, however, and we ask you to join the National Assembly in beseeching the Blessed Beauty to protect all who may be in harm's way, including the brave men and women who are working tirelessly to abate the more than a dozen wildfires that continue to rage across the western United States.

Bosch has for several decades served as a vital center of learning and inspiration. We have no doubt that, once the present difficulties are overcome, it will once again become a place radiating the light of the unifying teachings of our Faith and a source of spiritual power for the entire region. As Bahá'u'lláh revealed:

Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made, and His praise glorified.

The National Assembly will continue to monitor progress at Bosch and will share more news with the community in due course.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Kenneth E. Bowers
Secretary