

## **Central Valley Schools Tackle Air Pollution**

By Rich Ibarra

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Students at the Health Careers Academy High School in Stockton are learning about ways to cut air pollution -- such as having their parents turn off the car engine while waiting for after school pickup.

Heather Heinks with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District says schools now have access to hour-by-hour air quality information through the program.

"There might be a few hours that day where they could still have activities outside and take advantage of better air quality before the peaks occur," says Heinks.

Sophomore Jackson Lehner spoke to the audience about student responsibility to take part.

"It is important to protect the air on earth because it protects not only us but also all living things on earth," says Lehner.

Schools can also receive email and text alerts when air quality deteriorates.

## **Air district seeks new schools to participate in new program**

By Kyla Cathey

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STOCKTON — The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has joined forces with the Central California Asthma Collaborative to encourage local schools to join the Healthy Air Living Schools program.

The free program provides tools to local schools such as the Real-time Air Advisory Network, which shares air quality information via the web, email and text messages; the Real-time Outdoor Activity Risk guidelines offering recommendations about outdoor exercise; anti-idling signage and materials to remind drivers to cut their engines while dropping off and picking up students.

Schools enrolling in the program will receive materials, training and support from the Central California Asthma Collaborative.

For more information or to enroll, please call the CCAC at 559-272-4874 or the air district office in Modesto at 209-557-6400.