

**Mill Valley School District Communications Debrief:
PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff 10/26-10/30**

Below are some questions gathered by our community regarding the power shutoff event of 10/26 to 10/30 and answers from the Mill Valley School District.

Question: What is the MVSD policy for make-up days at the end of the year? So, if we have enough smoke/wind/rain/etc. days of school off, will they be made up at the end of the year?

Answer: Currently, the Mill Valley School District calendar does not contain any built-in days to make up for events such as power shutoffs. The District is able to submit an application to the California Department of Education to obtain approval for the waiver of attendance and instructional time. This waiver is only for approved emergency situations and if approved, the days will not need to be made up. This waiver was approved at the November Board of Trustees meeting. We will be notified by May as to the status.

Question: Students missed 3 days of school. How will this instructional time be made up?

Answer: While the waiver discussed in the question above will waive the instructional time lost, we understand that many parents are concerned about the lost time for their child's development and learning as well. We understand the value of each school day, and missing instructional time is only necessary during extenuating circumstances. There is no current plan for additional days.

Question: How will staff and parents be able to find out if school is open or closed during a power shutoff without Wifi or access to reliable cell service? Will signs be posted at the schools?

Answer: The District will make every effort during emergencies to send emails, texts, and voicemails with updates. However, if power is out district-wide, the district will likely close. Additionally, signs were posted each morning at each school site as a backup notification for those who were unable to access digital messages.

Question: Why does the district typically notify staff and families by 5:30 am when schools or the district may close, rather than the night before?

Answer: We will make every effort for school to be open every day. If power is on by 5:30 am the day of school, we are able to restart systems. We understand that it may be

difficult to plan around child care and commutes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.