



# The Impact of the Sonoma/Napa County Fires on our Schools

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## Superintendent's Update



Dear Kentfield Community,

The Kentfield School District, along with all other Marin school districts, is remaining open this week unless conditions caused by fires in our neighboring counties deteriorate. We have consulted with the Marin County Office of Education, the Marin Office of Emergency Services, and Marin Health and Human Services (HHS) in making this decision.

HHS advises that children remain indoors as much as possible, and that outdoor activities, when necessary, be limited ([Bay Area Air Quality Management Advisory](#)). Matt Willis, Marin County's Public Health Officer, continues to recommend that outdoor sporting activities be cancelled. To that end, we are holding P.E., recess and lunch periods indoors and not using HVAC systems that draw in outside air. There is no recommendation at this time to close schools but Bacich is postponing Green Sneaker Challenge Day tomorrow due to concerns about exerting oneself outdoors.

We have current and former staff members living in areas affected by the fires. At this time, they are safe. Many of us have relatives in the affected areas or know people who have lost everything. We fully support employees who may not be able to come into work, as they need to take care of their families. For all others who can make it to work, thank you for providing our Kentfield students and families with a safe place to go.

This is the time for us to work together to help our neighbors. The KSPTA will be collecting items for children that are being evacuated from their homes due to the fires. A delivery will be made on Thursday this week to groups that are housing children. More information on what is being collected and how you can help is available at [www.kspta.org/love-in-backpack/](http://www.kspta.org/love-in-backpack/). Participating in this charitable act with your own children is a great way to model compassion. There will also be

bake sales in many of our neighborhoods over the weekend, and one at Bacich from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday during soccer, to independently raise funds for fire victims in Napa and Sonoma Counties.

For more information about protecting yourself and your families from wildfire smoke, go to: [www.cdc.gov/features/wildfires/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/features/wildfires/index.html)

These are extremely trying times, and you never know what the person next to you is coping with. That makes it even more important than usual to be kind and patient, and to extend the benefit of a doubt to friends, acquaintances and strangers alike.

With appreciation,

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