

School Newsletter Sample: Power Preparedness Collaboration with Southern California Edison

Keeping Our School Powered During Emergency Outages

No one likes losing power for any amount of time. However, the heightened risk of wildfires this year, due to lack of rain and extreme weather, means that our community – and school – may experience extended outages, known as Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). During times of low humidity, dry vegetation and high winds, Southern California Edison (SCE) may use PSPS to proactively and temporarily shut off power to keep us safe from wildfire ignitions caused by utility equipment.

Thanks to our collaboration with SCE, we can keep the power on during PSPS using a temporary backup generator that's now on campus.

Please note that even if you receive a PSPS notification from SCE regarding power at your home, the school will be open during school hours.

Generator Safety Tips for Students

We've worked with SCE to place the generator in a secure area and minimize any potential noise impacts if it needs to run during school hours. While the generator is on campus, it's important that students follow basic safety tips. Please review these with your child:

Stay Away from Generators

- Don't play near or touch the generator.
- Always respect barriers and signs around the generator area. Never attempt to climb the fencing or walls surrounding the generator.
- Never touch any cords or fuel containers.

Report Hazards

- If you see, hear or smell anything that seems wrong, leave the area and tell a teacher or the front office immediately.

Preparing for PSPS

SCE recommends the following to help you stay informed and prepared:

- PSPS alerts are available for anyone. [Sign up](#) for alerts via email, text or phone message.
- Visit the [SCE Marketplace](#) to find portable power station and generator rebates for eligible customers.

- If you or someone in your household relies on electricity for medical devices or equipment, you may be eligible for [SCE's Medical Baseline Allowance Program](#).

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.