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Public Safety Power Shutoff

Dear DVMS Families,

As I am sure you aware, PG&E is planning for a potential Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) as a fire prevention measure given upcoming weather conditions. Much of the city of Lafayette can be seen on their updated map as a location for a loss of power via the PSPS process, however DVMS is not currently slated to lose power. As of now, we are planning to open tomorrow and the rest of the week. Should that change, I will notify you as soon as possible using our Mobile Text Alert System. I have not used the system yet this year, so will be sending a test alert a little later this afternoon. Please look for the text alert and if you do not receive one by 4pm this afternoon, notify the office.

According to Community Care Licensing, Child Care Centers must close if they are unable to provide for the health and safety of the children. The following are issues we would consider when determining whether to close for the day:

- The indoor temperature should be no colder than 68 degrees.
- In hot weather, the inside temperature can be no warmer than 20 degrees below the outside temperature. So if it is 100 degrees outside, the indoor temperature should not exceed 80 degrees.
- We must have light in the classrooms. This can be provided during daylight hours by our windows. Should we lose power during the day, we would close no later than 5:00pm to assure we are able to close up before dark.
- Access to student records - While our records are primarily digital, in
preparation for emergency situations, we have hard copies of all emergency information for children.

• Our phone system has a battery back-up, but it would only last for a couple of hours. If we expect an outage to last longer, calls will be forwarded to my mobile phone.

• We must be able to keep infant bottles cold and be able to warm them. If we are without power, this would be an issue for us. We will have a cooler with ice available for bottles and are investigating a portable warm up system. If any parent has one and is willing to loan it in the case of an emergency, our babies would thank you!

• Microwaves would be unavailable for "warm ups". Be sure to send food that does not need to be warmed up and include an ice pack in lunch boxes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Suzette Smith
Head of School

As part of PSPS preparedness efforts, PG&E is asking customers to:

• Update their contact information at pge.com/mywildfirealerts or by calling 1-866-743-6589 during normal business hours. PG&E will use this information to alert customers through automated calls, texts, and emails, when possible, prior to, and during, a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

• Plan for medical needs like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.

• Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers.

• Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash.

• Keep in mind family members who are elderly, younger children and pets.

Information and tips including a safety plan checklist are available at pge.com/wildfiresafety.

• Learn more about wildfire risk and what to do before, during and after an emergency to keep your family safe at PG&E's Safety Action Center.