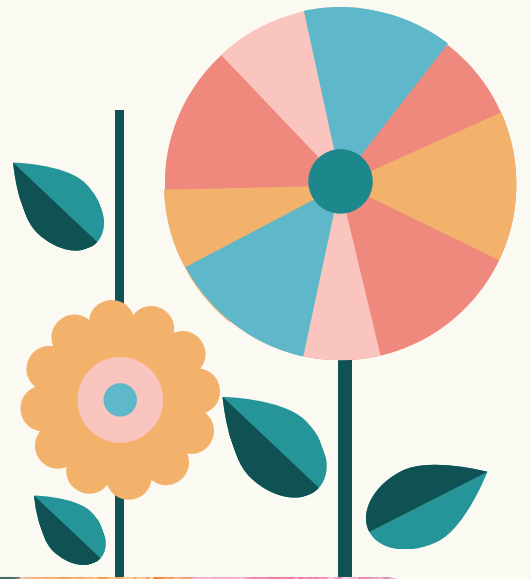


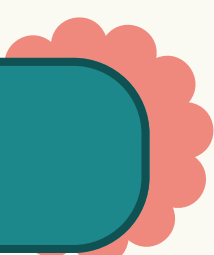
SMCSIG Newsletter



June is a busy time for our member districts as the school year comes to a close and preparations begin for the upcoming year. In this issue, you'll find updates on recent board actions, upcoming events, and resources available through the new SMCSIG website. On behalf of the SMCSIG team, thank you for your continued partnership, and we wish you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer.

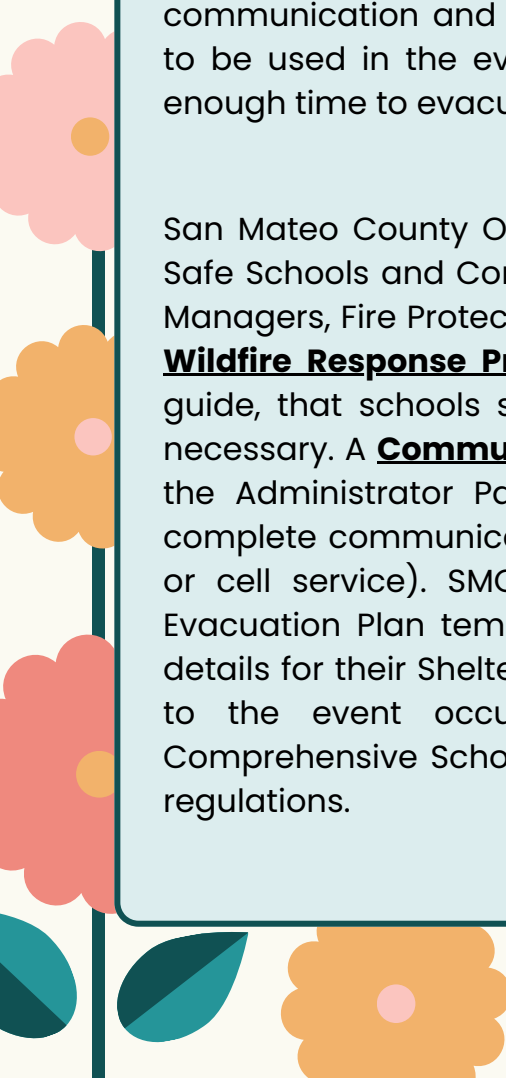
-Tom Ledda, Executive Director

The BIG 5



Commencing with the 2026–27 school year, the disaster procedures in the comprehensive school safety plans shall include the establishment of a procedure to identify appropriate refuge shelter for all pupils and staff for use in the event of an evacuation order, and to notify the operational area having jurisdiction of the refuge. Additionally, public schools serving more than 50 pupils in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone, shall coordinate the identification of the sheltering refuge with the operational area, and develop a communication and evacuation plan, that includes decision making criteria, to be used in the event of an early notice evacuation warning, that allows enough time to evacuate all pupils and staff.

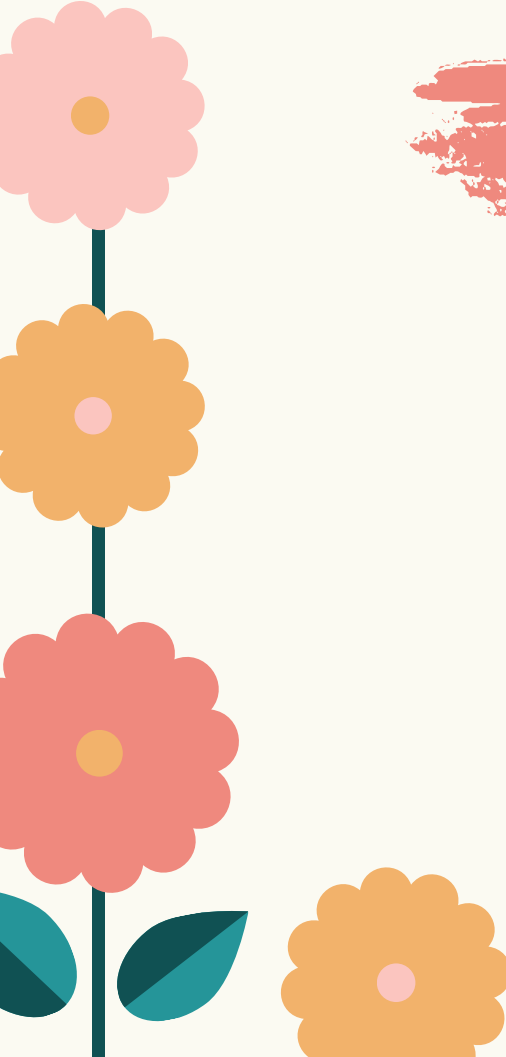
San Mateo County Office of Education in collaboration with the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, has worked with City and County Emergency Managers, Fire Protection Agencies and Local Law Enforcement to develop the **Wildfire Response Protocol for Schools**, which includes a decision-making guide, that schools should use to determine when and if an evacuation is necessary. A **Communication Contingency Guidance** (located at the back of the Administrator Packet) was also developed to help districts plan for a complete communication blackout during an emergency (no power, internet or cell service). SMCOE has also created a Wildfire Communication and Evacuation Plan template for schools. The template helps schools plan out details for their Sheltering/Refuge Plan and their Wildfire Evacuation Plan prior to the event occurring. These documents will be attached to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Template, to meet new state compliance regulations.



LOSS CONTROL

Continued...

These resources and guidelines are part of the expanded resources that are offered through The Big Five Emergency Response Protocols for Schools. Every year SMCOE and the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities updates The Big Five Protocols. The 2026-2027 Big Five Emergency Response Protocols. To learn more about these resources, visit **The Big Five** page on the San Mateo County Office of Ed's website or contact Mason Henricks, Manager of School Safety and Risk Prevention at SMCOE: mhenricks@smcoe.org



SMCOE BIG 5 RESOURCES

JPA Benefits Bulletin!

Summer is here, and it's a great time to stay informed about your benefits and wellness resources. This month's Benefits Bulletin includes important updates, helpful reminders, and wellness tips to help you make the most of your benefits throughout the year.



Dental Plan Update



Good news! The dental rates remain unchanged for the upcoming 2027 calendar year with a new added benefit.

- A "Next Phase" benefit enhancement supporting women who are pregnant or experiencing menopause
- Coverage for one additional cleaning and related diagnostic services during these life stages

Vision Plan Update

The vision plan rates remain unchanged for the upcoming 2027 calendar year; the vision plans have been restructured to align pricing based on:

- The specific plan selected
- Whether coverage is employee-paid or district-paid

If you're interested in reviewing available plan options or learning more about the updated rate structure, please contact the JPA for additional information.

Additional district-specific details will be shared by Alliant later this summer, so watch for communications in July and August.

BENEFITS

Important Dental Reminder

Did you know that Delta Dental offers three provider network options?

Delta PPO

- Highest level of savings
- Greatest provider discounts
- No balance billing

Delta Premier

- Contracted providers
- Lower discounts than PPO providers
- No balance billing

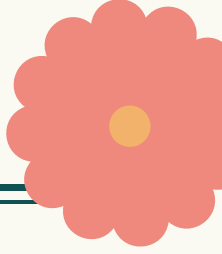
Non-Contracted Providers

If you visit a non-contracted dentist:

- You may be required to pay for services upfront
- You'll need to submit claims directly to Delta Dental for reimbursement
- Reimbursement amounts may be lower than services received through PPO or Premier providers

Looking for an in-network dentist? Visit Delta Dental's provider search tool at www.deltadentalins.com to find participating providers near you.

BENEFITS



June Awareness: Hydration Month

June is Hydration Awareness Month, a great reminder that staying properly hydrated is one of the simplest ways to support your overall health and well-being. Water plays an essential role in regulating body temperature, supporting digestion, transporting nutrients, and keeping your body functioning at its best.

Dehydration can occur more quickly during the warmer summer months and may lead to symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, dizziness, dry mouth, light-headedness, and decreased concentration. Even mild dehydration can impact your energy levels and productivity throughout the day.

Tips for Staying Hydrated This Summer

-  Keep a reusable water bottle nearby
-  Drink water regularly throughout the day—even before you feel thirsty
-  Choose water-rich foods like watermelon, cucumbers, strawberries, and oranges
-  Increase your water intake when exercising or spending time outdoors
-  Limit sugary drinks and excessive caffeine

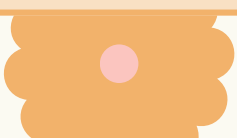
Everyone's hydration needs are different, so listen to your body and make staying hydrated part of your daily routine.

Questions?

If you have questions about your benefits or coverage options, please reach out to the JPA.

We're here to help.

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and productive June!



Resources

In-Wall Cafeteria Table Safety and Supervision

Summer work often requires maintenance and operations teams to move desks, tables, cabinets, and other heavy items while preparing school sites for the new year.

We hope this information helps your team plan these tasks safely, use the right equipment, and avoid preventable strain or injury.

[Link to Document: Moving Heavy Equipment](#)

MEETING RECAPS



JPA MEETING

[JPA Board Meeting Summary](#)

Executive Committee and JPA Board meeting agendas and summaries can be found on the SMCSIG website in the Board Agendas Tab (Under Resources)

Unfortunately we were unable to find a meeting date for the upcoming JPA meeting. We will be sending out a doodle poll in the next few weeks with alternative dates.

HCC Meeting

[HCC Meeting Summary](#)

[HCC Meeting Presentation](#)

HCC Meeting agendas, summaries, and presentations can be found on the SMCSIG website in the HCC Tab (Under Resources)

UPCOMING TRAININGS



TITLE 22 HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING

[GOOGLE SIGN UP SHEET](#)

SMCSIG is pleased to offer a Hazardous Waste (Title 22) Training for member districts.

Date: July 8, 2026

Location: Thomas R. Pollicita Gym.

550 E Market St, Daly City, CA 94014

Time: 8AM - 12PM

Class starts exactly at 8am.

Please arrive ahead of time to sign in

If you are interested in attending, **please register by July 1, 2026**, using the google doc below . Additional details, including the agenda and parking information, will be provided to registered participants prior to the training.

Explore the SMCSIG Website



[Programs](#)

[Events](#)

[Newsletter](#)

[Forms](#)

[Resources](#)

The site serves as a central hub for important information and resources, including upcoming events, Board agendas and meeting summaries, Healthcare Consortium agendas and summaries, and a variety of fillable forms.

Available forms include:

- Incident Report for Students Only
- Vehicle Accident Report
- Property Loss Report
- Certificate of Insurance Request
- Witness Statement

We encourage all members to visit the website and take advantage of these convenient resources.

Let's talk
men's health



OPTUM June Newsletter

MENS HEALTH

To access this month's EAP newsletter, please go to the Optum Website ([Linked Here](#)), and use access code **SMCSIG**.

Optum is your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider.

Each benefit eligible employee and their family members have access to the program. EAP is available to help you help your employees and their families deal with life issues that may affect their ability to be productive in their jobs

Call toll-free: 1(866) 248-4094
Or log on to liveandworkwell.com
Access code: SMCSIG

Fitness Rewards are back!

Log your workouts here!

The fitness rewards are back! As a reminder, rewards will be available only to subscribers enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare medical plan. If you are enrolled in a Kaiser medical plan, this program will no longer be available.

Complete a gym workout or home workout 12x per month and earn the opportunity to be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card reward.

You must submit your workout session on the form. Gym workouts and home workouts can count for this program.

Eligible Districts

Belmont-Redwood Shores SD
Cabrillo Unified School District
Jefferson Elementary School District
Jefferson Union High School District
Portola Valley School District
SMCSIG JPA
Bayshore Elementary School District
La Honda-Pescadero School District



Important Dates

M&O Meetings

- October 14, 2026

SMCOE 10-11:30

101 TWIN DOLPHIN DRIVE

Executive Committee / JPA Board Meetings

September 17, 2026

9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location: ZOOM / SMCSIG
OFFICE

1791 Broadway, Redwood City
94063

