

**From:** [Elaine Chung](#)  
**To:** [Info](#)  
**Subject:** MOFD Prescribed Burn During School Hours  
**Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 10:48:53 AM

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Hi,

I am writing because of the prescribed burn that was approved during school hours. My child came back complaining about respiratory issues after the burn started yesterday.

I'd like to understand and also request that prescribed burns adjacent to the school not occur during student instructional hours when children are on campus. Multiple students have experienced respiratory irritation from smoke exposure.

If burns must proceed, they can be scheduled after dismissal, on weekends, or on non-school days whenever feasible, with advance written notice to families and clear school-site mitigation measures in place.

Thank you,  
Elaine  
3rd grade mom

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**From:** Isaacs, Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 9:42 AM  
**To:** Elaine Chung  
**Cc:** Holbrook, Marcia; Lambert, Lucas  
**Subject:** Fw: MOFD Prescribed Burn During School Hours

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns. I am sorry to hear that your child experienced respiratory irritation. We take concerns like this seriously, especially when they involve students and school activities.

The burn you referenced was part of a hazardous fuel reduction project intended to reduce wildfire risk in the area. These projects are conducted under strict regulatory requirements and are not carried out at the District's sole discretion. In particular, any pile burning must be approved by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and we are only allowed to burn on days when air quality conditions meet their standards and permission is granted.

Because of that process, our opportunities to complete this type of work are limited and are often dictated by weather, fuel conditions, and air quality approvals rather than by a preferred schedule. Unfortunately, that means we cannot always align burning operations with school calendars or hours of instruction.

That said, we understand and appreciate your concern about smoke impacts on students and staff. We agree that when feasible, scheduling work outside of school hours or providing advance notice is preferable. We will continue to work with our partners and contractors to minimize impacts whenever possible and to improve communication with the school community when these operations are planned.

Thank you again for bringing this to our attention. We appreciate your feedback and your understanding as we balance the need to reduce wildfire risk with the importance of minimizing impacts to the community.

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