



- It has been known for years that free steam heat from the power plant would eventually end and buildings in Scotia would need to convert to PG&E.
- As early as 2009, my office notified and began sending to school officials repeated reminders of this inevitable development. Discussions and understandings date back even further, to 2007 when the district purchased the school from PALCO.
- Since 2009, while these notifications continued, TOS converted all of its own properties to natural gas supplied by PG&E.
 - These properties include the Winema Theater, the Scotia Museum, the Scotia Hospital and all remaining residential, civic, commercial and industrial properties.
 - The last of TOS's industrial tenants has purchased a new gas boiler and will also soon be gas-powered.
- Only the school has failed to complete this conversion.
- The independent owner of the power plant announced in January that necessary maintenance required an extended outage that would begin March 1, 2012.
- TOS immediately notified the school and referred them to Greenleaf Power, the power plant's owner, for whatever additional information may be available.
- Unfortunately, school officials' proposed solutions remain complex and vague.
- They have informed us that only four classrooms will be affected by the termination of steam.
- Practical, affordable solutions exist, even if these are not the solutions school officials prefer. The school could, for example, plug in baseboard or other heaters to heat the four affected classrooms.
- That said, until school officials rectify the situation of which they have long been aware, the Town of Scotia has offered to make several of its natural gas-heated buildings available, free of charge, for classroom space.