October 25, 2019

Hello Novato Community,

As many of you are aware, PG&E has informed us that they will be shutting down power to most of Novato beginning early Saturday afternoon, October 26. It is expected that this power shutoff will continue through the weekend and will likely extend into the school week.

While it is our goal to keep schools open, we do not believe we can safely do so without power. It is likely we will be closing some or all schools for Monday, October 28 and will potentially be closing schools through Wednesday, October 30.

We will be closely monitoring this situation and will do our best to inform you of any plans for school closure by 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 27. We will attempt to communicate through our traditional channels of emails, text messages, social media and our website. It is possible that internet, landline telephone, and cellular services will be down and none of those communications will work by Sunday afternoon. If this is the case, we will be posting paper signs at the front offices of all campuses to inform you of the status of schools for the following day. We will do the same, if necessary, each day moving forward.

You can get more information about power shutoffs at this link. Along with this email, you can see a communication recently put out by the Novato Police with additional information about the shutoff and additional resources.

Please know that, while this may be a very trying weekend for our community and that communication is likely to be a significant challenge, we will do our absolute best to keep you informed.

The Novato Unified School District office (1015 7th Street) will be opened and at least minimally staffed from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday, throughout any outage, whether we have power or not. Please stop by should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kris Cosca, EdD
Superintendent