



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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development.

Dear Sierra Unified Community,

As we approach the end of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our exceptional students. The energy, pride, and unity shown throughout our end-of-year celebrations have truly captured the spirit of Sierra Unified.

This spring, our students completed their state assessments, and I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our parents and guardians for ensuring students were prepared and present, and to our students for taking the process seriously. These assessments provide critical information that will help our teachers support learning in the coming year. Just as importantly, they give us a chance to celebrate the academic progress and hard work our students and teachers have committed to all year long.

One of the most powerful traditions in our district is the **Senior Projects Showcase**, now in its 22nd year. These projects continue to exemplify what makes Sierra Unified so special: students identifying real needs in their community and creating meaningful, service-oriented solutions. The presentations last week were inspiring, and I want to thank the staff and community members who volunteered as judges—your guidance and feedback are deeply valued. To our seniors: your leadership and vision have made a lasting impact.

Last night, I had the honor of attending my very first Senior Awards Night. It was a truly special event that celebrated our seniors and all they have accomplished throughout their journeys.

What stood out to me most was how personal and meaningful the evening felt—something that's unique to a district like Sierra. In larger districts, the size of graduating classes often requires condensing or abbreviating individual recognitions. But here, we are able to take the time to honor each student fully, recognizing their achievements in a way that reflects their unique contributions and growth.

It was a moving and heartfelt night—one that reminded me of the strength of our community and the deep connections we share with our students and families.

As we look ahead, we're excited to gather for several important upcoming milestones:

- **8th Grade Promotions** on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate students as they transition to high school and new opportunities.
- And finally, we will close the year with **Sierra High School Graduation** on June 5th, where we will send off our seniors with pride and hope for the future.

These events are more than celebrations—they are reminders of the commitment, growth, and community spirit that define Sierra Unified. Thank you to the staff who have

poured their hearts into this school year, to families who have supported learning from home, and to students who continue to inspire us every day.

Let's finish the year strong and take a moment to reflect on all we've achieved together.

### **Around the District**

We are excited to offer families an alternative option to receive the required vaccinations at a more convenient location. The Fresno County Immunization Mobile Clinic will be on site at Foothill Elementary on **May 27th** and at Sierra Jr. & Sr. High on **May 29th**. To take advantage of this convenient service, parents will need to accompany their students. In addition, Sierra Jr. & Sr. High will also be hosting a FREE Sports Physical Clinic for prospective 2025-26 student athletes, which will be held on August 15th. Just a reminder that California does require some vaccinations for students to attend any school in California. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make sure your child may attend school on the first day. This includes 6th grade students moving to 7th in need of their TDAP.

### **Measure U Update**

A ground breaking ceremony for the Measure U modernization project will occur on June 11th at 9am in front of the Sierra High School main office. All are welcome to attend the event to celebrate the official kick off of the project.

- Job walk took place for painting, casework and acoustics for the Library.
- All other Phase 1 contracts have been approved.
- Abatement in the Library starts Tuesday May 27 with an expected completion date of June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Preconstruction for Phase 2 to begin in August.
- Parking lot improvements for Phase 1 have been submitted to the Division of the State Architect.

As always, thank you for being part of the Sierra Unified family.

Warm regards,



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