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To inspire, engage, challenge, and support all students to reach their highest level of learning and personal development.

Welcome Back, Sierra Unified Families

What a year it has been! Together, we have achieved incredible milestones. We stood united and successfully defeated a territory transfer, passed a bond measure to invest in our schools, focused on English Language Arts instruction and saw nearly a 5% gain, and continued so many of our treasured traditions.

A new school year brings the promise of even more great things to come. We welcome a new administrative team at our elementary school, and we look forward to continuing the outstanding work at Sierra Junior/Senior High.

It takes all of us—parents, teachers, students, administration, and staff—to be the positive change we want to see in Sierra Unified. We are committed to treating every student and every parent with the same respect, care, and understanding we would want for ourselves and our own families. In return, we ask that our community assume positive intentions from all staff and extend kindness in every interaction, as we all work toward the same goal—supporting our students.

I am honored and privileged to enter my second year as your superintendent with a deeper understanding of the traditions and people that make our mountain community so special. This is a place where students are free to be kids, where they are taught to value hard work and the land we live on. Sierra High students are unmatched in their character and their commitment to our community.

We will continue to work toward the success of all learners, with clear and open communication remaining a priority—from the boardroom to every classroom. Thank you for choosing Sierra Unified. Thank you for being part of the positive change in our district as we move forward—together—into an exciting new school year.

Important Dates

August 15th: Mobile Sport Physicals at will be at Sierra High from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

in front of the gym

August 11th: FES Back to School Night

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August 13: First Day of School

August 15th: Sierra Football Burger Bash from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

August 20th: Sierra Junior/Senior Back to School Night

Measure U Updates

- Ribbon cutting was held for the completion of the Library
- Parking lots are underway and expected to be completed before the end of August.

- Phase two plans are in the development phase and are expected to be complete and submitted to the Department of State Architects by the end of the year.
- We expect bidding for phase 2 to begin in March.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Lori Grace, Superintendent