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support all
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highest level of
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Sierra Unified Community,

Today, we are thrilled to share exciting news - Sierra Unified's 2025 California School Dashboard results show clear, measurable growth across the district. The California Department of Education has officially released the 2025 California School Dashboard. This annual report provides a detailed look at how schools and districts across the state are performing in multiple areas, including academics, graduation, attendance, and school climate.

We're pleased to share that Sierra Unified showed positive movement in several key areas this year. These results show that our collective focus on high-quality instruction, student engagement, and continuous improvement is working. Below is a summary of our district's results compared to 2024:

Indicator	2024	2025	Change/Comment
English Language Arts	Orange	Yellow	Increased 9.1 points
Mathematics	Orange	Yellow	Increased 4.9 points
College and Career	Red	Orange	Increased 4.3%
Graduation Rate	Green	Green	Maintained (-0.5%)
Chronic Absenteeism	Orange	Orange	Declined 1.9% (<i>improvement</i>)
Suspension Rate	Yellow	Red	Increases
Science (<i>Information Only</i>)	—	—	New Indicator

Together, these results paint a picture of a district on the rise—gaining momentum in academics, improving college and career readiness, and showing encouraging progress in student attendance.

What This Means for Sierra Unified:

Overall, our results reflect steady and meaningful progress for the first year of a new leadership and instructional team. The **College and Career Indicator** showed the most significant improvement. This success is the result of intentional focus by our counseling staff, site leadership, and district office, especially through the dedicated work of our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, **Danielle**, who ensured accurate data reporting and program alignment.

We're also encouraged by the gains in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. Moving from orange to yellow in these areas shows that our students are making real progress toward meeting grade-level standards. These results reflect the collective effort of our teachers, instructional staff, and students who are working hard every day to achieve academic growth.

While Chronic Absenteeism remained in the orange, we did see improvement, with fewer students classified as chronically absent. Attendance remains a key focus, as consistent school attendance directly impacts learning and achievement.

The Science Indicator is new this year, and we are continuing to learn more about how performance levels are determined and reported.

Our Suspension Rate did decline from yellow to red, and we are addressing this area with intentional strategies that include structured recess, re-entry procedures, and the Positivity Project at our elementary sites. We will continue to set high expectations for behavior while expanding our proactive and supportive approaches to student discipline.

In total, Sierra Unified improved in three indicators, maintained in two, and declined in one. These results demonstrate that we are moving in the right direction and that our shared focus on student learning, engagement, and support is having an impact.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff, students, families, and community for your ongoing commitment to Sierra Unified's success.

Sierra Unified is building real momentum and together, we are shaping a future where every student is supported, challenged, and empowered to succeed.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'L. Grace', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Lori Grace,
Superintendent
Sierra Unified School District