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engage,
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support all
students to
reach their
highest level of
learning and
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development.

Dear Sierra Unified Families and Community,

As the 2024–2025 school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect with you on the incredible celebrations and accomplishments we’ve shared over these past few weeks.

From our joyful kindergarten promotions to moving 8th-grade advancement ceremonies and the unforgettable high school graduation, we’ve had the opportunity to honor the growth and achievements of students at every level. We also came together to celebrate our Native American students during their Transition and Graduation Celebration, and recognized academic and character accomplishments at events like the Foothill Elementary Quarter 3 Awards Assembly and numerous site-based celebrations across the district.

This season of recognition and reflection is a powerful reminder of the importance of community in education—and the profound impact a supportive, engaged network of educators, families, and neighbors can have on the lives of young people. These celebrations would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our incredible staff.

A special thank you to our maintenance and custodial teams, teachers, administrators, and classified support staff. Your work behind the scenes allowed our students to shine in the spotlight. Because of you, their moments of achievement were possible—and unforgettable.

On the academic side, while we are still awaiting the final state testing results, early indicators show very promising gains in English Language Arts. We’re proud of the work happening in classrooms across the district. At the same time, we know there’s still room to grow—particularly in mathematics—and we are already making plans to address this in the coming year. We will share more detailed results and next steps as soon as they are finalized.

As we wrap up the year, I want to let you know that this will be my final weekly communication until we resume again in August. On Monday, after the Board of Trustees meeting, I will be announcing the new administrative leadership for our elementary school. I’m excited to share this news with you and look forward to a strong start to the 2025–2026 school year.

Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your support throughout this school year. It has been an honor to serve as your superintendent during my first year, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead such a dedicated and resilient mountain community. I look forward to the great things next year holds.

Around the District

Sierra Jr. & Sr. High will be hosting a FREE Sports Physical Clinic for prospective 2025-26 student athletes, which will be held on August 15th.

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.

Have a safe and restful summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Grace".

Dr. Lori Grace
Superintendent, Sierra Unified School District