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

Dear Sierra Unified Community,

For the past two weeks, wildfires burning in our Sierras have brought smoke and changing conditions that have impacted our schools and families. Through it all, the safety of our students has remained our very first priority. Our staff has worked together to ensure that students are cared for and that learning continues, even when circumstances are less than ideal.

We want to share our heartfelt thanks:

- To our teachers and staff: thank you for keeping students safe, engaged, and supported while indoors all day long. Your flexibility and dedication make a real difference in the lives of our students.
- To our maintenance and custodial teams: we are grateful for your hard work in cleaning and preparing gyms and shared spaces, which have been used far more than usual. Your efforts ensure our students always have a safe and clean place to learn and play.
- To our families: thank you for your understanding as we shift activities quickly between indoors and outdoors to respond to changing conditions. Your patience and support make it possible for us to keep students safe and cared for throughout the day.

Although these conditions are not what we would hope for, we are thankful that, at this time, there has been no loss of homes or structures in our community. We remain hopeful that this difficult period will pass soon, and we are deeply proud of the resilience and strength shown by our Sierra Unified family. Times like these truly remind us what Mountain Strong means. We also celebrate the improved air quality that we experienced today.

We also hold deep gratitude for the fire crews working tirelessly in our region. We hope they remain safe and that the fires are extinguished quickly.

Thank you for your continued patience, support, and care for one another as we move forward together.

## Measure U Updates

Concrete project is all poured, asphalt will be done today, and striping done tomorrow. Estimated back in service by Monday, September 8th.

CBOC meeting Tuesday September 9th

Site walks with mechanical for HVAC, roofs, windows and low-voltage will be done by Tuesday September 8th

## **Counseling Updates**

Senior Class Meetings were held for the class of 2026. If you missed it a copy of the presentation will be made available in the coming weeks

Seventh grade student and parent meetings are being held the month of September. Letters have been sent home to parents to invite them to attend. Reach out to your counselor if you have not received a letter.

At the Elementary, SEL presentations are being done on the concept of Teamwork.

With gratitude,

Dr. Lori Grace, Superintendent