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

Sierra Unified Community,

As we move through this school year, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to our incredible teachers and educators across Sierra Unified. In a time when schools across the nation are experiencing a shortage of teachers, we are especially fortunate to have dedicated professionals who bring exceptional skill, care, and passion to their classrooms each and every day.

Our teachers are not only experts in their craft—they are mentors, role models, and advocates for our students. They design engaging lessons, nurture curiosity, and support the whole child, ensuring that every student is known, valued, and challenged.

Having had the opportunity to work in three other school districts over my career, I can say with complete confidence that the teachers of Sierra Unified stand among the very best. Their professionalism, expertise, and commitment to our students match—or exceed—what I have seen anywhere else.

While our teachers are at the heart of student learning, it takes all of us—our entire school community—to support their work. In many ways, we are all support staff for those who work directly with our students. It is up to each of us to ensure our amazing teachers and educators feel appreciated and supported. We are one team, working together to help our students achieve their very best.

Each of us plays a vital role in this effort. Parents can support learning at home by encouraging strong study habits and engagement with homework. Nutrition Services ensures our students have the healthy meals they need to focus and learn. Custodians create clean, safe spaces that foster pride and a strong learning environment. Every contribution—no matter the role—helps our teachers help our students shine.

Please take a moment this week to thank a teacher or staff member. Your words of appreciation mean more than you know and remind all of us why we do this important work—together.

Measure U Updates

- **Property Tax Bill Update:** Property tax bills have begun going out, and you may notice an increase this year. This reflects the voter-approved *Measure U* bond, passed in 2024 with 66.85% support. All funds stay local and will be used to repair and modernize classrooms, enhance student safety, and build new learning spaces across Sierra Unified.
- **Accountability and Transparency:** Every dollar collected remains in our community and cannot be taken by the State. All projects are monitored through an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits to ensure funds are spent exactly as voters intended.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Lori Grace

Superintendent, Sierra Unified School District