



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 Families and Community,

As the snow begins to melt and the blossoms return to our foothill communities, we welcome the beauty and energy of spring across Sierra Unified. This season is filled with a renewed sense of possibility, and our schools are buzzing with activity—from student showcases and athletic events to concerts and celebrations of learning. It's a wonderful time to be part of Sierra Unified.

Spring also marks an important milestone in our academic year: state testing. These assessments are just one of the many ways we measure student progress and the effectiveness of our educational programs. We encourage all students to do their very best—not just for a test score, but to show what they've learned and how far they've come. Your support at home—ensuring students are rested, present, and encouraged—makes a tremendous difference.

At the same time, we're already looking ahead to welcoming our youngest learners to the Sierra Unified family. **Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten registration is now open** for the 2025–2026 school year! If you or someone you know has a child who will be joining us in the fall, please contact Foothill Elementary for more information. We're excited to meet our future students and begin this journey with them.

Finally, we know that many students rely on school lunches throughout the school year. This summer the state has provided a "Sun Bucks" food program. The program provides \$120 to families with the goal of preventing students from going hungry when school lunches are not available. Families who don't automatically qualify can submit a school lunch application at their school site before July 1st to apply.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to our schools. Spring reminds us that growth happens in so many ways—academically, socially, and as a community. Together, we are preparing every student for a bright and successful future.

### Around the District

We are excited to offer families an alternative option to receive the required vaccinations at a more convenient location. The Fresno County Immunization Mobile Clinic will be on site at Foothill Elementary, on May 27th and at Sierra Jr. & Sr. High, on May 29th. To take advantage of this convenient service, parents will need to accompany their students. In addition, Sierra Jr. & Sr. High will also be hosting a FREE Sports Physical Clinic for prospective 2025-26 student athletes, which will be held on August 15th. Just a reminder that California does require some vaccinations for students to attend any school in California. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make sure your child may attend school on the first day. This includes 6th grade students moving to 7th in need of their TDAP.

## Measure U Update

- Meet with MWC and Darden to review renderings of phase 1 projects.
- 1st step of phase 1 is currently out for Bid (abatement and removal of carpet.)
- Began planning for the ribbon cutting ceremony and "ground breaking".
- Scheduled Facility Sub-Committee to review Building Standards before taking to the Board in May.
- 1st submittal to DSA for Path-Of-Travel improvements will be Mid May for phase 1.

## Tollhouse Derby

The Sierra Foundation is pleased to announce the Tollhouse Derby fundraiser. Please consider registering for this awesome event next Saturday, May 3rd. You may register utilizing the QR code below.



**Tollhouse Derby**  
2025  
*"Stars, Stripes & Silks"*

**Saturday**  
**May 3rd, 2025**

Event will be held at the Blasingame Ranch  
19606 Auberry Rd. Clovis CA. 93619

**Admission is Free!**  
**Gates Open at 11:30 a.m.**

- \*Live Horse Races\*
- \*Big Derby Hat Contest\*
- \*Beer & Wine Available for Purchase\*
- \*Live & Silent Auctions\*
- \*Kids Zone\*
- \*Games and Activities for all ages\*

Skip the line and purchase adult meal tickets today  
by using the QR Code below. Kids eat free!



ORDER MEALS HERE

The Sierra Foundation, in partnership with the Kimbler Family present the Tollhouse Derby. This event supports scholarships, classroom activities, and extracurricular activities not funded by SUSD district budgets. Outside alcohol will not be permitted. For more details please visit [www.sierra.foundation.com](http://www.sierra.foundation.com)

As always, thank you for being part of the Sierra Unified family.

Warm regards,



Dr. Lori Grace  
Superintendent, Sierra Unified School District