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Dear Sierra Unified Community,

This week, we take a moment to pause and reflect on Patriot Day. On September 11, 2001, our nation experienced a tragic terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. As we remember this day, we honor the courageous first responders who ran toward danger to save others, as well as the many civilians who lost their lives. It is a solemn reminder of the strength, resilience, and unity that define us as Americans.

Across Sierra Unified, our schools joined together to acknowledge and honor Patriot Day. Foothill Elementary held a meaningful flag retiring ceremony, while our junior/senior high school community will gather for the spirited Red, White, and Blue football game and dance. These events gave our students a chance to reflect, show respect, and demonstrate pride in our nation.

At Foothill Elementary, we are also piloting The Positivity Project, a character education initiative designed to help students build strong relationships and positive habits. The school's focus right now is on teamwork—an important value that shows our students what we can accomplish when we come together.

For us as a community, I want to encourage all of us to also highlight and practice love and kindness. When our children see these values in action—whether in a kind word, a helpful gesture, or simply in the way we treat one another—it reinforces the lessons they are learning at school. By setting this example, we give them the greatest gift: a model of how to live with compassion and respect.

If you'd like to learn more about The Positivity Project and explore resources to use at home, please visit www.posproject.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students. Through remembrance, reflection, and action, we continue to show what it means to be Mountain Strong.

Measure U Updates

Concrete project has been completed according to required codes.

The Citizen Bond Oversight Committee met and reviewed different templates for the annual report that will be delivered in March or April.

Site walks with the mechanical for HVAC, roofs, windows and low-voltage were conducted on Tuesday.

With gratitude,

Dr. Lori Grace

Superintendent, Sierra Unified School District