



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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challenge, and  
support all  
students to  
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learning and  
personal  
development.

Dear Sierra Unified Families,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a restful and joyful summer. As we prepare to begin the 2025–2026 school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to each of you.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and we are eager to see our students back in classrooms, ready for another year of learning and growth. This year, our guiding theme is "Every Student Reaching Their Potential—Every Day." This focus reflects our unwavering commitment to helping each student grow academically, socially, and emotionally through high expectations, meaningful support, and a strong sense of community and character.

We are thrilled to welcome **Mrs. Jamie Swisegood** as the new principal of Foothill Elementary. Jamie brings a wealth of experience and a deep dedication to student success. She met many of the qualities parents and staff shared during our input sessions, and we are confident she will be a strong leader and caring presence for our youngest learners and their families.

The new vice principal at Foothill is **Christy Godin-Been**. Christy has connections to our beautiful mountain community but also brings a wealth of experience from her previous service in Sanger Unified. We look forward to you meeting and getting to know our new leadership at Foothill.

I also invite you to join us for a special celebration on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am in front of the Sierra JR/SR High School Library, as we hold a ribbon-cutting for the newly modernized library at Sierra Junior/Senior High School. This exciting project—made possible by the passage of Measure U—has transformed the library into a vibrant, student-centered space for collaboration, exploration, and discovery. As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will make this a year of meaningful challenge, personal growth, and community strength.

Below are just a few important dates and helpful links for parents to keep in mind. Any additional dates in question can be directed to the specific school site:

- [Student Immunizations](#)
- [District Website](#)
- [Transportation Documents](#)

### Important Dates:

- **August 1st:**
  - Data Confirmation in Aeries begins
  - School Site Main Offices Open

**August 6th:**

- Parent Portal Displays Teacher and Class information for Foothill Elementary
- Schedule Pickup Sierra Junior and Senior High
  - We ask that all students and parents attend during their allotted times. More details will follow in the coming week:

**Pick Up Day Schedule**

- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm **A - G**
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm **H - N**
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm **O - Z**

**August 8th:**

- Big Sandy will host it's Back to School Event from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**August 11th:**

- FES Back to School Night from 4:00 pm - 6:45 pm
- Sierra@Home enrollment appointments begin

**August 13th:**

- **First Day of School**

**August 15th:**

- Mobile Sports Physicals will be held at Sierra High from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, in front of the gym
- Sierra Football Burger Bash from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**August 20th:**

- Sierra Junior/Senior High School - Back to School Night

With gratitude,



Dr. Lori Grace  
Superintendent Sierra Unified School District