

Clovis Unified School District

2023 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



We **ARE** Clovis **UNIFIED!**



2023 Report to the Community

Students are at the center of every decision.



A Message from the Superintendent

In Clovis Unified, students are at the center of every decision we make, and we value and recognize that **through our students we are woven together as a community**. We hold tightly to that knowledge, and it calls upon us to act with transparency, to set high standards for ourselves and our students, and to pour our best into our students, their families and our community.

How well we achieve our goals is directly correlated to the quality of our schools, and the quality of your local public schools has a great impact on your life, whether you do or do not have a student attending our schools.



Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Our success impacts your property values. It impacts the business community by attracting tourism and through our use of the local supply chain. It impacts the vitality of the community by drawing high quality employers to our area. And, most importantly, it impacts the future of our community through the quality of our graduates and their preparedness to assume a role in the workforce and society as responsible citizens.

We are accountable to you, our local community, and we regularly look for ways to reach out to connect you with our journey. **Our students come first**, and we want to invite you into our work to educate, inspire and equip them in mind, body and spirit.

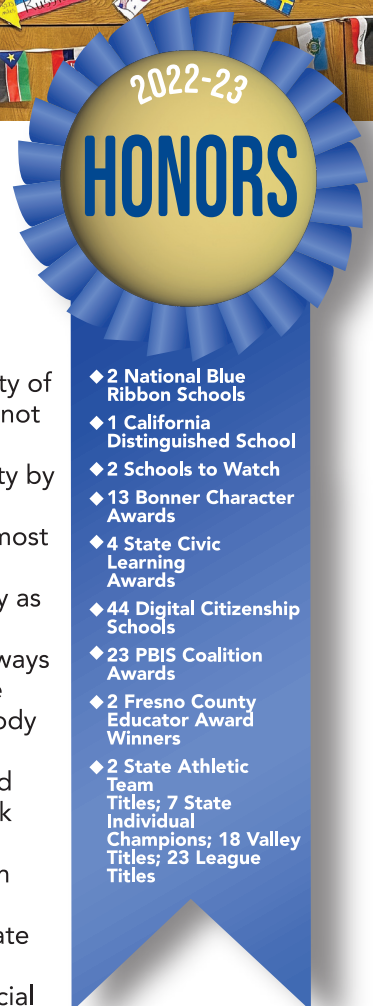
Through the strength of our academic programs, the quality of co-curricular offerings, the world class facilities we build thanks to your support of facility bonds, in every area of education, we work hard for our students. Of utmost importance to that work are our people. They are the caring individuals who put on a Clovis Unified employee badge every day and do the hard work as a team that builds trust and confidence in each other, in our students and in our community.

As we live out our three organizational aims to Maximize Achievement for ALL Students; Operate with Increasing Efficiency and Effectiveness; and Hire, Develop, Sustain and Value a High-Quality, Diverse Workforce, we are provided an amazing opportunity to **make a difference** in the very special community we serve.

I invite you to share in the journey of our close to 43,000 students and the incredible team of educators who serve them. In the following pages, you will find stories about educators and students focused on excellence, and data points to illustrate the return on your investment in Clovis Unified and in your local schools.

Thank you for your partnership and support today, and in the months ahead. Together, we will keep our students, their academic well-being and their future success at the heart of all that we do here in Clovis Unified.

Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.



Clovis Unified at a Glance

Our Vision: To be America's benchmark for excellence in education.



42,802
Students



7
School Areas



44
Comprehensive
Schools



9
Specialty
Schools



3
Schools Under
Construction

Students Say

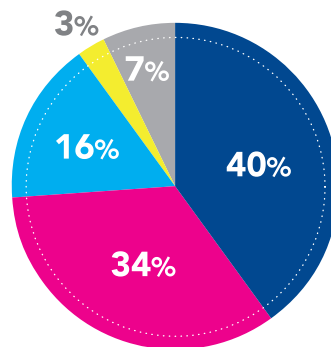
92% If I work hard, I know I can improve.

Parents Say

96% Schools provide a quality education that promotes academic student success.

Employees Say

87% Proud to work for Clovis Unified



Student Demographics

- Hispanic
- White
- Asian
- Black
- Other



\$12.8 Million in scholarships
awarded to graduating seniors in 2022-23

14th Largest District in California

\$660M General Fund*
*Includes \$25.6M from one-time funds

48.26% Students qualify as foster, English learner and/or socio-economically disadvantaged

Clovis Unified State Test Scores

State test scores for the 2022-23 school year are not yet available. Clovis Unified's scores for the previous year were 66% of students at or above the English Language Arts standard (state average was 47%) and 49% of students at or above the Math standard (state average 33%). Clovis Unified's scores were the **2nd highest among the Top 20** Largest School Districts in California.

Following the pandemic and students experiencing varying forms of remote and hybrid instruction, ELA and math scores on a whole declined statewide reflecting student learning loss. This year, Clovis Unified is focused on improving academic achievement and innovative ways to support student growth.

The California Department of Education will release schools, districts, counties and state scores later this year. For updates, visit the CDE website at: cde.ca.gov.

Our Mission:

To be a quality educational system providing the resources for ALL students to reach their potential in **mind**, **body** and **spirit**.

MIND.

- ◆ **95.6%** graduation rate
- ◆ **21** Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways are offered, including patient care, education, farming, construction and engineering.
- ◆ Clovis Unified high schools have **29 Advanced Placement classes** that provide students college level instruction. 5,055 AP tests were taken by Clovis Unified students for college credit with a passage rate of 73%.
- ◆ **24-hour online tutoring** is available in addition to secondary campuses providing academic counselors, tutoring, and college and career centers.
- ◆ **96%** of parents say their child's school provides a quality education.
- ◆ Every elementary school library has a **reading room, computer lab and VR headsets** for exploration and virtual learning.

84%

Students say their teachers care if they do well



Campus Snapshots

- Reagan Elementary students checked out 27,098 books.
- A Bud Rank student was the youngest ever to qualify for the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- Kastner Intermediate had a record 23 students qualify for State History Day.

BODY. SPIRIT.

- ◆ **Physical Education** is included in students' class schedules every year through high school.
- ◆ **16** sworn police officers who are POST – Police Officer Standards and Training – certified keep students safe. There is a dedicated officer on each secondary campus and a team of officers serving elementary schools.



- ◆ **5.1 million school meals served** by CUSD Campus Catering that include fresh baked breads and farm-grown local fruits and vegetables.
- ◆ **92%** of students say they can get help at school when they need it.
- ◆ At each high school, **Unified sports** are offered where students from our special education and general education programs compete together in league play.

2 out of 3 students say they participate in school athletic teams



Campus Snapshots

- Buchanan High Wrestling Team earned its seventh State Championship Title in a row.
- Granite Ridge Competition Cheer won the school's first National Championship.
- Jefferson's Bluejay Pantry distributed food to hundreds.



- ◆ **Three out of four students** say they are involved in extra school activities such as sports, drama, band, dance, science fair, robotics and clubs.
- ◆ **87%** of parents say schools have a positive environment
- ◆ Clovis Unified has a pro-active **Wellness Support System** that includes Clovis Support and Intervention (CSI), Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), Behavior Consultation Team (BCT), Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Suicide Prevention and Social-Emotional Support Providers.

84%

Students say they feel like they are a part of their school

- ◆ **Diversity awareness lessons**, multi-cultural festivals and heritage clubs are at each campus. Leadership conferences spotlight African-American, Asian, Latino and Native American mentors and contributions.



Campus Snapshots

- Clovis North Marching Band performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.
- Fancher Creek's "Show Your Love" collected 942 pounds of trash in the nearby neighborhood.
- Gateway High made a bike for every elementary school.

State of Our Facilities

We believe engaging learning environments, well maintained campuses and state-of-the-art facilities challenge, inspire and encourage our students to succeed in mind, body and spirit!

Clovis Unified is a growing district.

A drive within our 198-square-mile boundary quickly reveals new home construction and multi-family developments under construction that are projected to bring many new students to our schools. This, combined with existing overcrowding at several Clovis Unified campuses and a new state law requiring the opening of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) as a full grade level, have created the need for more classroom space. Clovis Unified is using developer fees and bond dollars to build three schools.

- ◆ **Satoshi Hirayama Elementary:** Opening for TK-6th graders Fall 2024. McKinley and Fowler avenues.
- ◆ **Terry P. Bradley Educational Center:** Includes Clovis South High School and a still-to-be-named intermediate school. Phased opening with 7-9th graders attending Fall 2025, and adding a grade level each year until fully operational by 2028. Highland and Clinton alignment.

However, a changing economy since initial plans were developed due to the pandemic and supply shortages dramatically increased costs.

"A 30% increase on a multi-million-dollar project is a lot of money that we cannot just make up by cutting back. We will do everything on our part to adjust plans and become innovative with finances, but these steep escalations likely require a future bond measure to ultimately complete the projects," said Assistant Superintendent of Facility Services Denver Stairs.

Construction of these much-needed schools will focus first on building what is essential for school operations.



Terry P. Bradley Educational Center



Satoshi Hirayama Elementary

4.8million

SQUARE FEET OF
BUILDING SPACE

537

ACRES OF
LANDSCAPING

96%

Parents say buildings and
ground are well maintained

35,000

Events held at CUSD facilities
by non-school groups

Modernization & Upgrades

- ◆ District Wide: Development of one-touch automatic **door locking system**. (In progress)
- ◆ Clark Intermediate/Mercedes Edwards Theatre: Modernize **industrial arts building**, add backstage and storage. (In progress)
- ◆ **Energy Management System:** Updates at multiple sites. (Complete)
- ◆ **Clovis Unified Soccer Complex** at Clovis East High: Added bleachers, bathrooms, field house and ticket booth to create district's premier soccer facility for large competitions. (Pictured, right)



Clovis Unified Soccer Complex

Taking Care of Our Existing Facilities

In the 2022-23 year, the Facilities Team worked on multiple **Maintenance Projects** including flooring, painting, air systems, paving, sealing and striping at: Clovis Elementary, Cole Elementary, Copper Hills Elementary, Fort Washington Elementary, Fugman Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Maple Creek Elementary, Mickey Cox Elementary, Nelson Elementary, Sierra Vista Elementary, Woods Elementary, Clark Intermediate, Granite Ridge Intermediate, Buchanan High, Clovis East High, Clovis North High, Clovis West High and Gateway High.

2023-24 Theme



We ARE Clovis UNIFIED!



CLOVIS UNIFIED

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Why do we do what we do?

Because every one of these students pictured – and **43,000 more!** – are counting on us to take their first-day enthusiasm and keep it ignited in a learning environment that **puts kids first**. Whether it is a bus driver warmly welcoming a child by name, a teacher opening the classroom at lunch for extra help or a librarian growing a literary collection for diverse interests, every member of the Clovis Unified team shares the goal to do what is best for our students in **mind, body and spirit**.

Kids are, and will always be, at the center of every decision we make.

Why a Foundation for Clovis Schools?

FOUNDATION

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It's hard to believe when you see the results Clovis Unified achieves or when you step foot onto one of its beautiful campuses or facilities, but the district must do a lot with significantly less funding than its neighboring districts every year. In the 2022-23 school year, Clovis Unified received an average of \$2,936 less per student than other school districts in Fresno County. This is why the Foundation for Clovis Schools exists: **To help bridge the funding gap and support educators and students with resources needed to succeed by providing grants and scholarships that allow educators to continue innovating and students to continue pursuing their dreams.**

\$120million

ADDITIONAL AMOUNT CLOVIS UNIFIED
WOULD RECEIVE IF PROVIDED THE
COUNTY AVERAGE PER PUPIL FUNDING.

Funding Per Student

\$11,368



Clovis Unified

\$14,304



Fresno County
Average

California's Local Control Funding Formula divides dollars between school districts based on varying levels of qualifying students (low income, homeless, English learners and/or foster youth). In Clovis Unified, about 48% of students match these qualifications, but since the district falls short of the 55% threshold, it does not receive Concentration Funds.

2022-23 Foundation Highlights

Investing in our schools today for a stronger community tomorrow.



Doc Buchanan Leadership Academy

Provided training and resources to over **130 district leaders**. This partnership between the Foundation and district strives to develop strong leaders prepared for the future whose decision-making is grounded in the timeless core values and educational beliefs that have contributed to the district's success over time.



25 Classroom, School and Emotional Wellness Grants

Provided over \$169,000 to **support projects** that help teachers innovate in their classrooms. These funds helped create more inclusive environments for students with special needs, introduced students to new science and technology equipment, purchased substance abuse prevention curriculum and much more.



157 New Teacher Grants

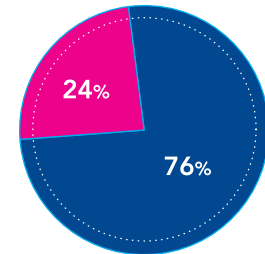
Awarded \$30,420 to teachers new to the district to help **prepare their classrooms** to be vibrant learning environments for Clovis Unified students.



17 Students of Promise Scholarships

Rewarded 17 remarkable 11th graders with a combined total of \$34,000 to **pursue their goals** with a scholarship upon enrollment into post-secondary education.

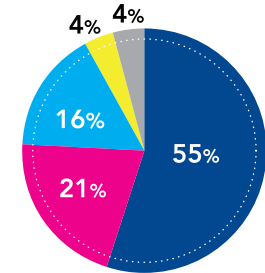
Support & Revenue



■ Contributions*
■ Special Events

*Excludes one-time major donor gift

Expenses



■ Educational Programs
■ Doc Buchanan Leadership Academy
■ Designated Gifts & Scholarships
■ Donor Cultivation
■ General & Administrative

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New Teacher Grants



Maple Creek Husky returns to campus to teach

Aubrey Olson is a first-year teacher, but her first day at work felt like coming home. That's because it's the same school she attended as a student for seven years from kindergarten through sixth grade.

"A lot of my accomplishments were because I was raised in a community like CUSD," said Olson, who is teaching fourth grade at Maple Creek Elementary. "I wanted to give back to a community that gave me so much."

Olson is one of 171 teachers hired for the 2023-24 school year to be presented a New Teacher Grant by the Foundation for Clovis Schools, made possible by donations from local business partners. The grant is given to teachers new to the district to help with costs associated with setting up a classroom for the very first time.

"The New Teacher Grant creates opportunities for my students to receive the best education they can," said Olson, who used her grant to create a warm, welcoming environment and to purchase hands-on learning tools such as manipulatives for her students. "It's a place where my students can truly feel comfortable and put their best selves forward."

Classroom and School Grants

Innovation that enhances learning and social emotional wellness.

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Each year, the Foundation invites educators across the district to submit proposals for projects that enhance learning in a creative and motivational way.

Tarpey Elementary students who show excellence have the chance to earn a special coin to use in the school library's new book vending machine. Adorned with the Spartan mascot and in the school's red and black colors, the machine was funded as part of a Foundation for Clovis Schools wellness grant.

Principal Tachua Vue, Ed.D., explained that her staff wanted to find ways to continue encouraging positive behaviors. Now retired librarian Georgi Leonardo and then school psychologist Suja George had the idea to bring the library and literacy into the reward equation. They helped apply for the grant that funded the customized machine and also a supply of children's

books to be offered within it. Titles like "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "Pete the Cat" line the racks of coils displayed behind the vending machine's glass.

Here's how it works: All teachers are given a coin each week to give to a student they catch doing things of character, consideration, kindness, and more. On Friday, students can go to the vending machine to make their selection for the book that will become their very own.

"Classmates have been excited to see what the student gets," Vue said, "and the student is proud to have received the book that they can add to their home library and read with their family or share with siblings."

She said since the vending machine has arrived, teachers have noticed children intentionally working on their character, and not just to earn the coin. They are discovering satisfaction in doing thoughtful deeds, Vue said. "And that this benefits literacy, which is so foundational for learning, is such a bonus."

"We are very grateful to the Foundation for the grant that made this all possible," Vue said.



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*Tachua Vue, Ed.D.
Tarpey Elementary Principal*

2022-23
Grants in Action

\$169,000
infused into the district to
benefit Clovis Unified students

26,300
students directly impacted by
classroom and school grants

25
grants to Clovis Unified
school sites and programs

Students of Promise

Inspiring stories of perseverance.

**Loss of a parent. Severe medical conditions. Housing insecurity.
Mental health challenges. Abuse. Being bullied.**

These are just some of the battles Students of Promise recipients face daily. But they all have one thing in common: they continue to persevere. Each year, 15-17 Clovis Unified high school juniors are selected for their relentless persistence and determination in circumstances where others might give up. They are encouraged to continue on their path toward graduation with the award of a \$2,000 scholarship from the Foundation for Clovis Schools upon enrollment in post-secondary education after they graduate from high school.

"The stories of our Students of Promise never cease to amaze me," said Michael Fennacy, Foundation Chairperson. "These inspiring individuals are overcoming unbelievable situations, and we want them to know we believe in their future and what they will accomplish."

Over the years, Students of Promise recipients have used their scholarships to pursue careers in education, counseling, nonprofit work, law enforcement and more.

**Save the
Date**

The 2024 Students of Promise Scholarship and Awards Gala will take place
April 10, 2024, at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District.
Details: **FoundationForClovisSchools.com**.



\$34,000

Students of Promise scholarships

342

Students of Promise since 2002

17

2022-23 Students of Promise recipients

"She's fighting a huge battle every day that no one else sees. [She has] that ability to be so brave ... and say 'I'm going to defy the odds.'"

*Lee Strosnider
Student Relations Liaison*



We ARE Clovis UNIFIED!



Thank you to the friends who helped support the Foundation for Clovis Schools with gifts made between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. These gifts make it possible for the Foundation to continue to bring innovative classroom ideas and educational programs to students across Clovis Unified.

A special recognition to donors who, with their 2022-23 contributions, advanced into a new category on our Foundation for Clovis Schools Donor Recognition Wall located in the district's Professional Development Building. The wall recognizes donors' cumulative giving.



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\$5.6million
2022-23 FOUNDATION REVENUE

The Foundation extends a special thank you to Clovis High alum (Class of 1970) & Qualcomm co-founder Franklin Antonio, and an anonymous local family, whose contributions played a huge role in raising a record-setting amount this past year!

**Donor
Impact
2022-23**

\$258,000+

invested in students, teachers,
and classes across the district
via the Foundation

277

donations by businesses,
individuals, foundations,
community groups and
Clovis Unified Employees

\$71,100

managed for supporting
developmental programs
and student transportation

Our steadfast community of donors help make the Foundation's work possible. Join them today!