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We serve students, staff and community

World-class facilities, wise stewardship create success



HERE IN Clovis Unified, we make decisions guided by foundational principles that have stood the test of time. These principles, which you can find in our strategic plan, call on us to examine our decisions through the lens of **always acting in the best interest of our people.**

Our call is to serve our students, serve our employees and serve our community.

This theme is carried out in this issue of *CUSD Today* in articles showcasing our upcoming graduations celebrating the achievements of 3,000+ students; our plans to return to a full-day, five-day-a-week instructional schedule in the fall; and our annual community report on our facilities program that we share every May.

While reports on facilities may seem unrelated to that core principle I mentioned above, they are in fact interconnected on multiple levels. In our facilities program, you can see how our commitment to being good stewards results in wise use of resources to keep pace with growing enrollment that is driven by an educational program known around the nation for its quality. You can also see how we stretch our dollars to protect and preserve our high-quality learning environments through thoughtful maintenance and modernization schedules.

You might not notice that paving project or library modernization while it's underway, but the results impact your daily life. These and other projects, along with state-of-the-art performing arts, athletic and career technical facilities, create clean, up-to-date, and inviting schools that:

- **Inspire students** to do their best,
- **Beautify neighborhoods** to keep your property values high, and



■ **Draw tourism** revenue to our local community because our quality facilities are destinations for regional, state and national events that draw thousands.

In Clovis Unified we prepare, plan for and protect our resources because they are precious and finite. As our region's lowest funded school system based on per pupil funding, we recognize that everything we do must be intentional and designed to maximize outcomes. We also recognize that all of that planning and preparation would be for nothing if we did not lead with care for the community we call home.

Thank you for picking up this issue of *CUSD Today*. It arrived in your mail because we want to keep you informed on how things are going in Clovis Unified, especially in this year where so much had to change because of the pandemic.

We are YOUR school district, even if you do not have students in our schools, we are a part of the fabric of your community and we recognize that we are better together!

Eimear O'Farrell, Ed.D.
Superintendent

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

WHO WE ARE

Clovis Unified is more than its name implies. Our **200-square-mile boundary** includes most of Clovis, 20 percent of Fresno and a small portion of unincorporated Fresno County. We work in partnership with three local governments and law enforcement agencies.

We strive to make a positive impact in the communities in which our schools are located by offering **high-quality education** to children; well-kept facilities that **enhance neighborhoods** and **add to property values**; and drawing large regional, state and national events to the area that **support local economies.**

95.2%
CUSD
GRADUATION
RATE

Clovis Unified Class of 2021 to graduate together

High schools get health officials' OK for ceremonies

The Class of 2021 will turn their tassels together at Clovis Unified graduations in the next weeks, something not

possible last year during the height of COVID closures.

With Fresno County's move to Orange Tier conditions in late April, plans were confirmed that each of the district's comprehensive high schools can hold full, traditional ceremonies on their originally scheduled graduation nights.

"We are thrilled that we can have our seniors together with their classmates in one ceremony. We know that what our students have wanted most is to be with one another in this milestone moment," said Superintendent Eimear O'Farrell, Ed.D.

Last year, local gathering restrictions meant students were each scheduled for an individual diploma presentation with their principal and could only have four family members attend.

Recent changes to state and local health and safety guidelines paved the way for this year's group ceremonies to proceed with all the fanfare including speeches, music and fireworks.

There will be a few necessary adjustments. Seniors will be in chairs spaced across their home stadium field instead of sitting side by side in risers. There will be a stage on the field that seniors will walk across to receive their diploma.

Things will be slightly different for spectators as well. For the first time, attendees will be sitting on both sides of the stadium in order to accommodate social distancing requirements and attendance will be capped with each graduate receiving six tickets for family. They can receive up to eight if they show proof of vaccination. Masks will be required.



Traditional schedule to return

Clovis Unified is excited to return to a traditional pre-COVID instructional model at all of its comprehensive schools this fall.

"This is a long time coming," said Superintendent Eimear O'Farrell, Ed.D., during a recent community forum announcing the return plan developed from parent, staff, board and health officials' feedback and needs.

From Preschool through 12th grade, the 2021-22 school year will have students back on campus full time, five days a week.

The unique learning experiences and emotional impact of this past year are being considered and planned for so that students can successfully transition back to the pre-COVID instruction model. Teachers and school leaders will be assessing students to identify needs such as academic intervention or emotional wellness support.

"We recognize that this past year [with school site closures, online learning and hybrid instruction] has been challenging,

and while we have come a very long way since March 2020, we aren't done with our journey," O'Farrell said.

The district will follow all necessary health and safety guidelines as directed by state and local health officials, which at this time includes wearing masks, maintaining 3-foot social distancing in classrooms and regular cleaning and sanitization.

While improving COVID vaccination rates and treatments for the virus make the possibility of a future shutdown low, Clovis Unified will remain prepared in case one is required in the next school year. A short-term move to online learning would utilize the current technology and methods and could be re-implemented efficiently should a classroom or school require a temporary closure.

Families preferring an online option may enroll their child in Clovis Unified's dependent charter school, Clovis Online School.

Details: cUSD.com/2021-22Year.

"This is a long time coming."

PARENT SATISFACTION

Clovis Unified's annual parent satisfaction survey was completed last month, and the results are being studied at the individual school level to gauge what's working well and how we can improve. Parent volunteers on each School Assessment and Review Team (SART) are combing through every comment received and will work with site leaders to develop plans of action to promote what is working well at their site and what can be improved on in the coming year. Top level results for the district showed that during the pandemic:

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of parents rated their school as delivering a quality education to students

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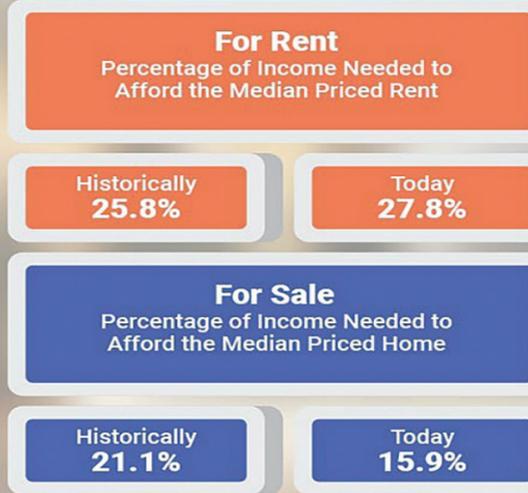
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FACILITIES: About Us

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OUR TEAM

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Employees

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“Schools are the **HUB** of the **COMMUNITY**.”

– Dr. Floyd “Doc” Buchanan, Founding CUSD superintendent

OUR MISSION is to be a quality educational system providing the resources for all students to reach their potential in mind body and spirit. The district’s facilities – from classrooms and libraries to performing art venues and athletic fields – are a key part of this equation. High quality, well designed, maintained and modern learning environments send our students the message: *“We believe in you and want you to succeed!”*

Our facilities are also for our community. Our schools serve as an anchor in their neighborhoods. The public can access our grounds and use our buildings. Community involvement is part of the vitality of our campuses, and we provide families, civic groups and local clubs safe access and enjoyment year-round. During non-COVID times, there are an average of 58,000 usage requests annually by outside organizations. And even during the height of the COVID shutdown, while our facilities had to be closed for group uses, our school grounds and fields became a place where families could take a walk in the fresh air or play a game of catch with one another.

Our commitment to top-notch facilities for our students, staff and the com-



munity is based on a set of non-negotiable core values that include:

- Provide safe, student-centered, world-class schools.
- Build state-of-the-art facilities that promote student success.
- Maintain quality campuses that create community pride.
- Design learning environments that serve ALL students, now and in the future.
- Upgrade existing and older facilities to create equity and economic stewardship.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our facilities inspire students to be their best and provide top-quality venues for our community to enjoy. Our science laboratories are designed for exploration. Our academic wings and classrooms have flexible work stations, touch-screen technology, projectors and collaboration areas. Our libraries include movable shelving for books, and creatively designed reading rooms and computer labs for ideas to be launched. Our multi-purpose rooms contain school colors and mascot emblems to enhance everything from assemblies to lunch to wrestling meets.



Mercedes Edwards Theatre, Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall, Veterans Memorial Stadium – crown jewels within the district’s shared facilities – offer unique, state-of-the-art environments in which student artists soar and student athletes succeed.

“When we hear visitors’ high praise of our schools and facilities, we take that to mean we are reaching our goals. We are intentional in our efforts to provide well-kept, world-class, innovative facilities for our students and our community. Doc Buchanan [founding superintendent] set these standards. He wanted our buildings to show how much we value the users and to be spaces where everyone can thrive.”

Denver Stairs
Assistant Superintendent
of Facility Services

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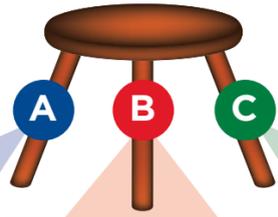
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FACILITIES: Our Funding

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FINANCING IN CALIFORNIA

- ★ Developer Fees
- ★ State Facility Program
- ★ Local Bonds

School construction funding is often referred to as a three-legged stool.



All three legs are necessary for a successful and stable facility program.

DEVELOPER FEES:

Revenue collected from residential and commercial development to help defray the cost of new construction or re-construction due to enrollment growth.

Assembly Bill 2926 permits Level 1 fees to be levied on new development based on a district's Fee Justification Study. Senate Bill 50 permits Level 2 and Level 3 alternative school fees to be levied based on a district's School Facilities Need Analysis.

Clovis Unified's Developer Fee Rate Per Square Foot for 2020-21

Level 1: \$4.08 sf
Level 2: \$4.94 sf
Industrial: \$0.66 sf

Developer Fees Collected for 2020-21

\$17,933,993	Residential
+ 123,175	Commercial
\$18,057,168*	<i>*From 3,171,770 square feet of new development</i>

Developer fees were able to pay for half of Young Elementary, which opened this year, and they are anticipated to be able to pay for the full cost of the district's next elementary school.

STATE FACILITY PROGRAM:

Designed as a collaboration between the state and local school districts, provided in the form of per pupil grants, to fund new school facilities construction (50/50 state and local match) and modernize existing schools 25 years old (60/40) state and local match.

State funds are dependent upon fund availability and passage of state bonds. Passage of Prop. 51 re-imbursement bond in 2016, the first in 10 years, is being used to meet past funding obligations. Clovis Unified is estimated to receive about \$90 million from past, promised matching grants for 36 projects, with the full payout completed in 2024. Some of these construction projects date back to 2013. The failure of a new state bond in 2020 will again create a funding delays for future projects.

State Facility Program 2020-21 CUSD Prop 51 Reimbursement

\$9,393,448

LOCAL SCHOOL BONDS:

Voter-approved funds issued to CUSD to finance building projects or other capital projects.

These funds are leveraged to secure matching dollars from the State Facility Program. Projects from the 2012 voter-approved bond were completed early last year. In November 2020, voters approved a new bond for new construction and maintenance in Clovis Unified. (See Measure A report on Page 5.)

Measure A Voter-approved bond November 2020

\$335 Million

Major projects include safety features (one-touch automatic lockdown system for classrooms); health upgrades (bipolar ionization filtration added to all HVAC systems); new schools (Bradley Center); and modernizations.



MAINTENANCE & UPGRADES

Every CUSD student attends school in an up-to-date, well maintained school, no matter its age. On a daily basis, our team of custodial and grounds crews keep our campuses in top shape. But over time, just like one's home may need new flooring or a touch of paint after 20 years, so do our schools. And think of this: the wear and tear our buildings experience is not caused by just one family as in a home, but by anywhere from 700 to 2,000 students per day!

The district's **General Fund** finances ongoing maintenance and upgrades of our 52 schools and administrative campuses. Two key funds support our commitment to providing efficient stewardship and preservation of high-quality spaces. The Deferred Maintenance Fund provides for large infrastructure projects such as painting, paving and roofing, and the Capital Facilities Fund is used to bring older facilities up to the newer district school design standards such as reading rooms in libraries or upgrading nurses' offices.

97%
PARENTS SAY
BUILDINGS,
GROUNDS WELL
MAINTAINED

\$15.3 million 2017-2020 Deferred Maintenance

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FACILITIES: Bond Accountability



MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

► MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

I want to report to the community on the status of the capital improvements approved under Measure A – Clovis Unified’s \$335 million bond measure approved by voters in 2020.

On Nov. 3, 2020, the citizens of Clovis Unified School District passed Measure A. With the approval of Measure A, CUSD will be able to maintain the high facility standards established by our community.

I am proud to report that the district began projects immediately after the bond measure passed in November 2020.

■ Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization devices were installed in every conditioned space districtwide that help maximize the performance of HVAC systems.

■ Design and planning for the Terry Bradley Educational Center, a facility that will include an intermediate school and high school in the district’s southeast boundaries, has begun.

■ An administration office and classroom expansion project at Dry Creek Elementary started in March that will add an academic wing with six new classrooms to ease this impacted school.

In closing, the committee would like to thank Facility Services Assistant Superintendent Denver Stairs; Administrator Nick Mele; Senior Accountant Cherie Larson; and Administrative Assistant Lussy Vang for their organized and forthcoming presentations at our meetings. With their assistance and cooperation, we have been able to fulfill our responsibilities of overseeing many projects on behalf of you, the voters of our district.

Samantha Bauer

Samantha Bauer, Chairperson
Measure A Oversight Committee

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- Chairperson Samantha Bauer (Parent)
- Co-Chairperson Matthew Grundy (Chamber of Commerce)
- Sandy Brown* (Parent)
- David Fey (At Large)
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Appointed by the Governing Board, members monitor the expenditure of Measure A Bond Funds. Some members served previously for the 2012 Bond; those serving their first term are indicated by an asterisk (*).

► PURPOSE & ACTIONS

- To ensure bond accountability and to keep the public informed
 - Review and report on bond expenditures
 - Monitor whether funds are being spent on voter-approved project list
 - Confirm expenditures are only on capital facility projects
 - Ensure no funds are used on teacher/administrative salaries other than operating expenses
 - Promptly report any waste or improper expenditures

► UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Aug. 26, 2021
- Oct. 28, 2021
- Jan. 27, 2022
- April 21, 2022

The Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee meets quarterly, and meetings are open to the public. Agenda and minutes are also maintained online. To access these or for time and location of meetings, go to, cusd.com/2020MeasureABond.aspx.



- REPORT -

2012 bond concluded in 2020

In 2012 the community supported a bond that brought repairs, modernizations and new construction to every school in Clovis Unified. Among the projects were a new elementary school, modernization of libraries, multipurpose rooms and administration buildings, and phases of upgrades to technology infrastructure, lighting, HVAC systems, roofing, flooring, security systems and other items. Its funding was fully expended by fall of 2020.

MAXIMIZING DOLLARS

\$298 MILLION
2012 Bond Amount

\$122.8 MILLION

Additional funds CUSD secured from pursuing matching state and federal funds

81 Projects Completed

0 Audit findings



Final 2012 bond projects completed in 2020 were:

- Pinedale Elementary
- Clovis High School (CTE)
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FACILITIES: Planning Ahead

How do we plan for the future?

The Facilities Department monitors current student enrollment, past enrollment trends, home sales and new housing construction in order to plan for future enrollment growth. This information is vital in identifying the district's need and timing of new schools and additions of classrooms to existing schools.

In Clovis Unified, the historical trend for enrollment shows our student population increases each year by up to 500 students. In 2020, Clovis Unified had around 42,500 students and was the 14th largest school district in California.

The housing market – sales of homes and new home construction – also provide key indicators about future, incoming student populations. Within Clovis Unified, that means 11,000 lots are monitored annually by the Facilities team, and currently they are tracking 198 new developments.

During the 2020-21 school year and the COVID pandemic, for the first time in more than 15 years, the district saw a slight decline in its enrollment numbers.

It is expected, however, that many of those families who chose alternative instruction during the shutdown will re-enroll their students this fall when the district returns to a traditional schedule.

The pandemic also impacted housing sales, and while initial analysis predicted a slowdown, just the opposite has occurred. Housing sales and new construction are seeing big gains, and the Fresno/Clovis market has been identified as one of the "hottest markets" in the state. This is attributed in part to more people relocating here from busier metropolitan areas as their work has shifted during the pandemic to remote environments.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Facility enrollment studies and findings are used to plan for the district's future. In addition to new classroom or school construction, projected enrollment findings assist in planning for maintenance schedules, boundary adjustments and school staffing needs.

Studies in recent years are what guided

ed the district in its pursuit of the November bond that will finance a new educational complex with an intermediate school and high school in the heavily growing southeast portion of the district and provide construction of classroom wings and portables at several impacted schools.

Additionally, projections show the need for two new elementary schools to be added to the district between now and 2029. The district has begun initial design on the first of those, which is planned to open the Fall of 2024. This 35th CUSD elementary school will be funded by developer fees.

As the current year, with its unique trends, continues to unfold, early indicators show Clovis Unified may need even more capacity for students or need to expediate its construction timeline in order to meet the projected enrollments in the next five years. The team will continue monitoring these key indicators as it looks ahead to meet the needs of students now and into the future.

DESTINATION DISTRICT



Clovis Unified is a growing district. A drive within our boundaries quickly reveals vibrant new home construction and multi-family developments under construction that will bring new students to our schools. CUSD's 95% graduation rate and award-winning programs draw people to our area.

■ In December 2020, Clovis Unified was ranked No. 1 as the Best School District in the Fresno County area by Niche, a national ranking and review site used by Realtors, buyers and businesses when making location decisions.

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► 11 MODERNIZATIONS

- Dry Creek Elementary (add classrooms, modernize admin building), *starting Summer 2021*
- Clark Intermediate (add classrooms, modernize industrial arts building)
- Clovis East High (increase fire safety panels)
- Clovis West High (add classrooms)
- Clovis West High Aquatics Center (replace aged plumbing, pool deck)
- Mercedes Edwards Theatre (add space for CTE program and storage)
- Reyburn Intermediate (replace aged casework), *starting Summer 2021*
- Sierra Outdoor School (modernize gym to current standards)
- Temperance-Kutner Elementary (add classrooms)
- Energy Management System updates at multiple sites
- Cole Elementary (add classrooms)



► NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Intermediate school in Bradley Educational Center (*Projected opening Fall 2025*.)
- High school in Bradley Educational Center (*Projected phased opening starting 2026*.)

DEVELOPER FEE PROJECTS

► NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Young Elementary School (*Completed. Opened Fall 2020*.)
- Elementary School No. 35 (*Projected opening Fall 2024, location TBD*.)

GENERAL FUND 2021 SUMMER PROJECTS

► DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION

- Alta Sierra Intermediate, Boris Elementary, Buchanan High, Cedarwood Elementary, Clovis East High, Clovis High, Clovis North High, Clovis West High, Copper Hills Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Garfield Medical Therapy Unit, Granite Ridge Intermediate, Mickey Cox Elementary, Reagan Elementary, Tarpey Elementary, Woods Elementary, Young Elementary – Varying projects, including solar, painting, paving, sealing, striping
- District Wide – Miscellaneous carpet, roofing and painting repairs



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- Touch-screen monitor stations around classrooms?
- Student union/wellness gathering zones?
- “Smart-home” features?

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IT ALL ADDS UP

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- Our students scored in the top two spots among large school districts in California on math and English tests.*
- Our performing and visual student artists have won Emmys and performed in Carnegie Hall. (Clovis North High’s marching band has just been selected to be in the 2022 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade!)
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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM'S



By Jamie Simpson, CSU Fresno Dietetic Intern

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) turns 75 this year! The NSLP is a federal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or no-cost lunches. In 1946, shortly following WWII, the National School Lunch Act was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The program was created to safeguard the health of the Nation’s children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities. Nationwide, the program serves roughly 30 million students each day. Clovis Unified School District served about 25,000 meals daily before the pandemic and is currently serving about 17,000 meals per day.

Fast forward to the years 2020 and 2021, life looks quite different. School cafeterias had to redesign their service style essentially overnight! Many schools shifted to curbside meal pickup. Emergency federal waivers were advocated for and secured in order to make this essential change happen. The waivers make meals more accessible for families by allowing parents to pick up and take meals home to their children. Maureen Bagdasarian, a Campus Catering Manager, expressed just how dedicated the staff has been to ensuring everyone in community still receives their meals. She stated, the staff “never stopped, schools closed on a Friday and they were back to work that Monday.” She says it was a priority for them to continue serving the community and stressed the eagerness to eventually see the students everyday again!

Child nutrition professionals are now being recognized for their essential service to families during the pandemic as frontline heroes! With the hard work of Child Nutrition professionals, the transition to pick up meals for children became a reality. Campus Catering is not only serving families in the district, but also extending meals to children in the community ages 1-18 at no cost. With the efforts put forth by these heroes in our own communities, many families have one less thing to worry about during these unstable times. Speaking to Lynda Frazier, a parent from Clovis Unified, nothing but good words were shared about her experience with the program and the staff. She said the staff is “wonderful, friendly, very helpful, and always smiling” She went on to say how helpful it has been to have breakfast and lunch coming from one spot while balancing working from home with three kids. She ended the conversation emphasizing, “the staff is super wonderful and deserves so much credit.”



Team, we can't express in words how thankful we are to be on this team with all of you! As we've worked through this pandemic, you, as a team, have been a rock for students and families in our community. It has been challenging but you always rise to the occasion and make a difference in children's lives. Thank you for all you've done and all you'll do going forward. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!! As a team we'll get through this - we can't do it without you! Our deepest appreciation for caring for our students and each other!

The Campus Catering Office Staff

No-Cost Meals Available This Summer!
Enrolled summer school students will have access to free grab-and-go meals at their school site. Meals for children ages 1-18 not attending summer school will be available June 14 through July 22 (except July 5). See <https://www.cusd.com/CampusCatering.aspx> for locations.



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