

# Committed to wise stewardship of your resources

Everywhere I turn I am reminded of the close-knit ties that our schools have to the essence of what it means to live in our community, regardless of whether you are a parent, employee or relative of one of our students. I see it in the fabric of our business community, in the physical layout of our neighborhoods, in the positive impact our students have through service projects (especially so last month during the holiday season when many of our schools were the nexus

for food, coat and gift drives for those in need), and in the transfer of generational knowledge through volunteers serving as role models and mentors on our campuses.

Where our community goes, so goes our schools. And, where our schools go, so goes our community. Every action we take bears this interconnected relationship in mind, and it is what drives our core value that our schools belong to our community. This same philosophy shapes how we manage the financial resources used to serve our students and the schools that they attend.



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By choosing to make your home in the boundaries of the Clovis Unified School District, you become a part of this interconnected community, and we see great value in keeping you informed of how our students are doing, how we are allocating our financial resources, and how we are ensuring our students have an outstanding educational environment in which to excel. That's why, three times a year, every member of our community receives a special edition of *CUSD Today* focusing on one of those three elements.

In October, we focus on student performance. In January, on finances. In May, the focus of our special edition is our facilities and future planning. According to feedback we have sought from our community, these are the areas about which you want to hear from us on a regular basis, and we want to deliver on your expectations.

If you have students in our schools, it's my hope that you see daily evidence that we are living up to our responsibility to create a great community through the people we hire to work with you and your students, the beautiful school facilities built to encourage pride of ownership in learning, and the educational opportunities provided in our classrooms and co-curricular programs.



For those of you who don't have kids in our schools, we want to invite you into this daily experience. In the following pages you'll find stories about how our schools are funded, how we are resourced relative to other school districts around Fresno County, and where our resources go to best support the needs of our students. In Clovis Unified we excel at stretching a dollar, and in applying an entrepreneurial attitude toward the "business" of education - all for the purpose of pouring maximum resources into our students' classroom experiences to prepare them for their futures as tomorrow's citizens of our community.

Whether you skim the headlines and images inside, or dive deeply into the articles about where our funds come from and how we determine where those funds are spent, I encourage you to read on and learn more about the schools that make up the fabric of the community in which you live.

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