

# Student success makes vibrant community

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FROM THE  
SUPERINTENDENT



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Superintendent

In this January community issue of *CUSD Today*, we believe it is critical that our community knows the details about our funding sources and how we manage our fiscal resources in Clovis Unified.

The first and most important thing you should know about our approach to finances is that students are at the center of all decision making. Every choice we make and every expense we approve are examined through the lens of what makes a difference for our students because their success is paramount to our mission as a district and community.

Our district is large and continuing to grow. As of this year, our student enrollment puts us as the 14th largest district out of close to 1,000 school districts in California. Even as one of the lowest funded unified school districts in Fresno County, we remain one of our region's largest employers, with a full- and part-time staff of close to 7,000 employees. Therefore, the management of these funds and the many small decisions of allocations

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are centered around what is best for our students and staff. Like our home budgets, these decisions are weighed carefully.

As you read on in this issue of *CUSD Today*, please examine how we maximize our allocation of resources:

- How we establish spending priorities (students first!),
- Where the bulk of our money goes (to the educational team that serves our students' academic, physical and emotional needs),
- The state funding formula driving resources for our students and how Clovis Unified is different than our neighbors, and
- How our entrepreneurial approach to stretching dollars demands a great degree of fiscal accountability in all that we do.

Whether or not you have a direct student or employee connection to Clovis Unified, the quality of your public schools makes an impact on your community experience. It is our commitment to you that we take our responsibility to the community seriously. That commitment drives us to work hard every day to achieve high standards for our students and in everything we do on their, and on your, behalf.

*Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.*

