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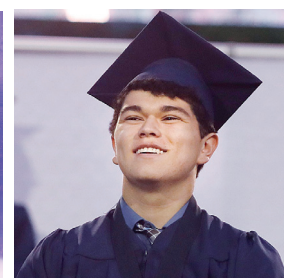
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2023 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY: FINANCES

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Three times a year, Clovis Unified School District provides a Report to the Community - focused on achievements (October), budget and finance (January) and facilities (May) - for those who live or own a business in the district's 200-square mile boundary. Clovis Unified includes most of the city of Clovis, 20 percent of the city of Fresno and a small portion of unincorporated Fresno County.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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.



Eimear O'Brien, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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.

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.

Eimear O'Brien, Ed.D. Superintendent

CLOVIS UNIFIED BY THE NUMBERS

▶ **\$729M**

General Fund Budget*

▶ **42,699**

Students

▶ **44**

Comprehensive Schools

▶ **8**

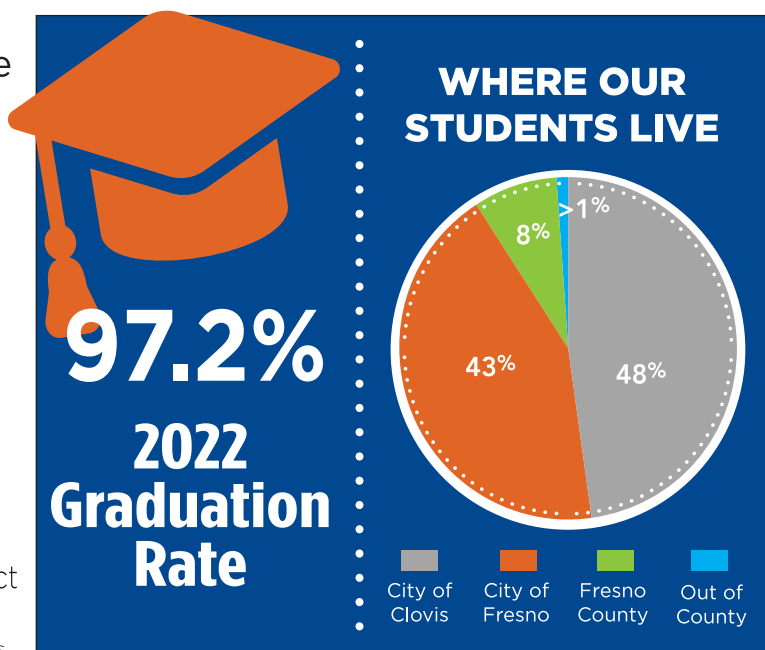
Specialty Schools

▶ **25**



Consecutive ASBO Meritorious Budget Awards, the longest streak for any district in California

*Includes \$138M in one-time funds



Our schools are your schools

Founding Superintendent Dr. Floyd "Doc" Buchanan used to say, "The schools belong to the people." Clovis Unified stands firmly behind this and views the district campuses as educational centers during school hours, and community assets all of the time.

We keep our gates open, our fields accessible and our buildings available for use by outside groups as we recognize our 52 campuses provide neighborhood hubs where connectivity and community engagement can occur.

Grandparents gather to watch their family in recreation league sports; friends meet to play a pick-up game of basketball; civic groups hold topical meeting; children's clubs engage interests; faith groups share time; and the list of outside groups goes on.

The California Civic Center Act provides guidelines regarding any outside organization's use of public buildings and makes provisions for nominal fees to offset support costs, such as for grounds and maintenance. Last year alone, Clovis Unified had around 44,000 facility use requests for internal and external events.

We fully appreciate the responsibility entrusted to us by taxpayers who have supported construction of our campuses, and we are committed to their upkeep and maintenance. We are also committed to appreciating Doc's words by making our facilities a place that is meaningful to all of our citizenry.

See more how to get involved on Page 7.

"The schools belong to the people."

Dr. Floyd "Doc" Buchanan
Clovis Unified Founding Superintendent



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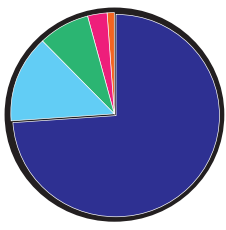
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Budget and Funding

\$729M* General Fund



General Fund Revenue:
 64% LCFF Sources
 22% Other State Revenues
 11% Federal Revenues
 2% Other Local Revenues
 1% Other Sources

All CUSD budget funds: General Fund, Charter, Adult Ed., Child Development, Cafeteria, Maintenance, Building, Capital Facilities/Developer Fees, County School Facilities, Special Reserves, Bond Interest, Self-Insurance, and Workers' Compensation = **\$973M**
 *Includes \$138M in one-time funds

- ▶ 42,699 Students
- ▶ 5,422 Contracted Employees
- ▶ 2,115 Teachers, includes preschool
- ▶ 52 Schools

Goals:

In Clovis Unified, kids come first. Every budget decision has the same goal: to be excellent stewards of resources as we provide an environment for students to excel in mind, body and spirit. This is expressed in the three aims found in the CUSD Governing Board's Strategic Plan.

1. Maximize achievement for all students.
2. Operate with increasing efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Hire, develop, sustain and value a high-quality, diverse workforce.

\$146M* DIFFERENCE

Clovis Unified would've received \$146 million more to spend on students if it were given the Fresno County per student average in funding.* Unlike many other Fresno area schools, Clovis Unified does not receive LCFF concentration dollars even though about 19,200 of our 42,000 students qualify (low income, foster youth, English learners and homeless). The state funding formula currently provides these funds based on a percentage of qualifying students (55% or more) in a district. Consider this: Two kids - who are best friends and live across the street from one another on a street that is a boundary line between CUSD and another district - may both come from economically disadvantaged homes, but the funding provided for these kids will be vastly different. The neighboring district will receive thousands of dollars more to support the education of the child in their boundary than Clovis Unified will for the child in our district.

Clovis Unified is advocating that this be changed so that funds be distributed per number of qualifying students in a district. This change would recognize needs and ensure students in need do not receive less funding allotted for their education because of where they live.

*Includes one-time funds.

HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Clovis Unified lowest funded district in area

State formula gives CUSD \$2,255 less per student than Fresno Unified

Clovis Unified's caring teachers, high-quality school facilities and many co-curricular programs often have people calling CUSD a "rich district," but in fact, the district receives the least amount of Local Control Funding Formula funds per student than any other district in Fresno County.

California changed its 40-year-old funding formula in 2013 and began dividing dollars between school districts based on varying levels of qualifying students (low income, homeless, English learners and foster youth). Clovis Unified, with approximately 19,200 children matching these qualifications or 45.7% (single year) does not receive Concentration Funds that instead of looking at number of students, looks at percentage.

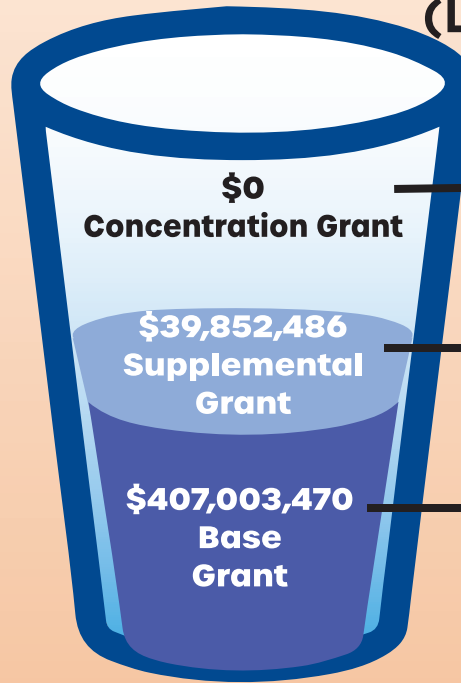
This difference creates a huge funding divide. In 2021-22, Clovis Unified received \$10,030 per student from California's Local Control Funding Formula. By comparison, Fresno Unified received \$12,666 per student, Central Unified received \$11,240 per student and Sanger Unified received \$11,418.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) consists of three parts: base grant, supplemental grant and concentration grant. The first is the base grant amount, a set amount per student that all school districts receive to pay for classroom instruction and support, such as textbooks, supplies, technology, utilities and transportation. Supplemental dollars are then provided to all districts based on their number of qualifying students. Districts receive approximately \$2,076 per qualifying student.

Concentration dollars are then provided to districts when their qualifying students exceed 55% of the total students. Clovis Unified, at a three-year rolling average of 47.4%, does not receive these additional funds.



CUSD's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) sources



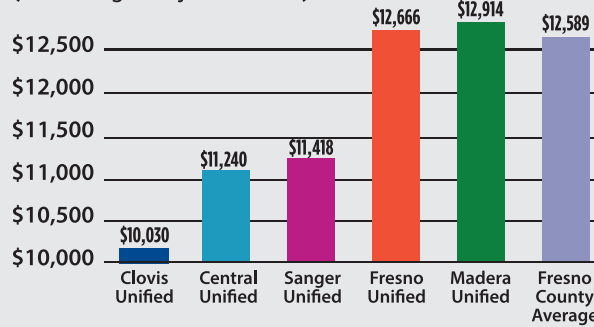
Additional funds given to any school district whose percent of qualifying students (English learner, low-income, homeless and foster youth) exceed 55%. CUSD has a three-year average of 47.4% of qualifying students and therefore did not receive Concentration Grant dollars.

Based on a district's number of unduplicated low-income, foster youth, English learner and homeless.

An equal amount provided to every district based on the average daily attendance and intended to fund all general operating expenses. This year it also includes an add-on for transitional kindergarten students.

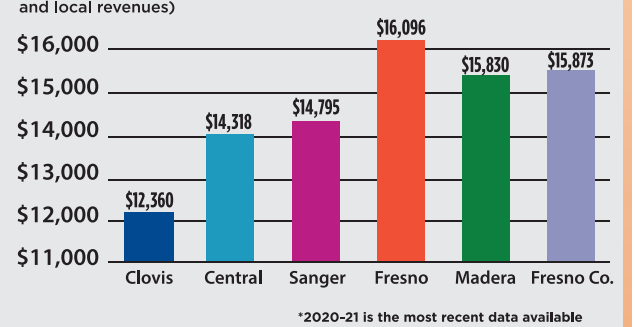
LCFF dollars

(Per Average Daily Attendance)



Total revenue*

(Per Average Daily Attendance; excludes state special ed revenues and local revenues)



*2020-21 is the most recent data available

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David M. Weber, Lead Psychologist,
Clovis Unified School District
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2020	41	↑ 63%
2021	114	↑ 178%

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- Xanax
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- Adderall

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- Large Batch/Amount

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Special Funding Categories

Student success is at the center and core of every decision

One-Time Funds

One-time grants have been issued by federal and state agencies to be used to benefit students for learning-loss recovery supports, curriculum development and technology. With this assistance, Clovis Unified students now have a 1 to 1 access to computers and increased availability of instruction (for example, students can access 1 on 1 tutoring online 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any grade level or subject); teachers have expanded professional learning and recovery collaboration strategies and access to data through sophisticated programs that help to customize a student's learning plan. Grants received and/or still in distribution to Clovis Unified include:



Bond Dollars & Developer Fees at Work

Community support of the local Measure A bond, meticulous stewardship of facility funds, and innovative financing and design have allowed Clovis Unified to maximize dollars in order to plan for much-needed buildings that promote high-achieving, engaging learning environments.

Over this last year, the district developed design plans for three new schools that will ease overcrowding and control class sizes. Construction of these campuses is now underway in 2023 with the 35th elementary school scheduled to open in Fall 2024, followed by the phased opening of a new educational center (that includes an intermediate school and high school) in Fall 2025.

Learn more about plans and what's under construction at cusd.com/facilities.aspx. Get involved in discussions and share feedback about new attendance boundaries; watch for upcoming community meetings at rec.cusd.com/2022schoolboundaries.aspx. Keep track of the newest elementary school as the community helps select the school's name, mascot and colors at es35.cusd.com.



\$10.3M	Educator Effectiveness Block Grant
\$2.8M	A-G Completion Grant
\$25.7M	Arts, Music and Instructional Discretionary Block Grant
\$46.3M	Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant

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Dr. Floyd “Doc” Buchanan
Founding Clovis Unified Superintendent

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Reminder: Completing the online orientation is also required to qualify for Priority Registration. The completion date determines your registration date/time so make sure to finish your orientation today at www.scccd.edu/orientation

Join us to discuss your college and career options!

Advising Session Dates

Counselors from Clovis Community College, Fresno City College, Madera Community College and Reedley College will be at your high school on the following dates:

High School	Date(s)
Buchanan	January 31, Feb 1
Clovis High	February 6, 15
Clovis West	February 8, 9
Clovis Online	February 16
Clovis East	February 22, 23
Clovis North	February 24, March 3
Gateway	February 28
CART	April 14

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If you miss a session above, contact your high school counselor

High School Students:

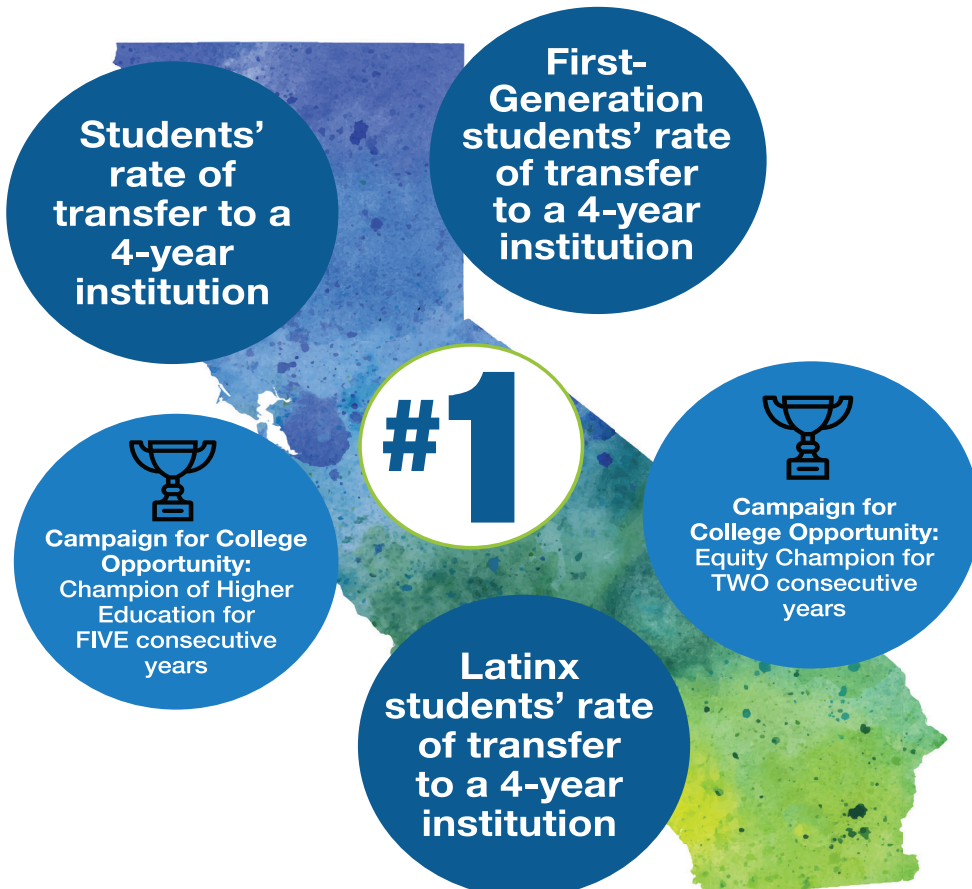
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?? Questions ??



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California Community College Chancellor's Office, Student Success Metrics Data 2019-2020



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Opportunities to get involved in upcoming budget discussions, district issues or at your local school are abundant, and we welcome the public's input and feedback. See below for a few of the many ways you can join us, or contact your local school for volunteer opportunities!

Clovis Unified faces an interesting challenge. It is often perceived as a wealthy district given its quality facilities and consistently strong student achievements in state scores, academic competitions and sporting events – but, per student, it is the lowest funded school district in Fresno County.

A big part of our success is that the district has committed, caring teachers and staff whose top priority is to meet the needs of all our students in mind, body and spirit and to do so with efficiency and effectiveness. But we also could not achieve the excellence we strive for without community support.

The many donations, sponsorships, volunteers and partnerships are critical in filling funding gaps, and they help our educational team to more fully engage our students.

Strong schools make strong communities, said founding CUSD Superintendent Dr. Floyd "Doc" Buchanan, and strong communities make strong schools. It is a critical relationship.

Thank you to the many parents, neighbors, businesses, service clubs, civic groups and foundations who have joined us in our mission to provide students the opportunities to become their very best selves. We invite you to be a part of the journey as together, we build our community's tomorrow by the work being done today in our classrooms, campuses and facilities.



Doc's legacy of support

The Foundation for Clovis Schools is run by a volunteer board of business leaders who host fundraising events and solicit corporate and community donations. The Foundation was the vision of founding Clovis Unified Superintendent Dr. Floyd "Doc" Buchanan to help provide funds where state and federal dollars were not available. Since its start in 1986, the Foundation has raised more than \$7.8 million.



In the 2021-22 school year, the Foundation for Clovis Schools:

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Be part of the process

Public participation, review and insights into the budgeting process and budgeting priorities are welcomed.

The budget process starts in January of each year with the "State of the State Address" by the Governor and continues through the state's Adopted Budget plan for the coming fiscal year. Clovis Unified School District, like most school districts in California, is dependent upon the State for much of its annual revenue. CUSD's Adopted Budget revenue projection is developed based on the State Budget, along with the district's student enrollment projection for the budget year.

Budget priorities are discussed as part of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and brought to the district's Governing Board. Key dates at right. See cUSD.com for details.



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Key dates for budget process

- Jan. 10 Governor's 2023-24 Budget Proposal released
- Jan. 30 LCAP Parent Night
- Feb. 1 Preliminary Clovis Unified budget presentation to CUSD Governing Board
- March 27 LCAP Parent Night
- May 15 Governor's May Revise Proposal
- May 24 CUSD Governing Board Public Hearing for LCAP and Proposed CUSD Budget
- June 8 LCAP approved, 2023-24 CUSD Budget adopted by CUSD Governing Board
- June 30 Projected date for State Enacted Budget to be sent to Governor

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Strong schools add value to community

Does a school district's success make a difference in the community it serves? We believe it does. Clovis Unified is a destination district. Businesses open and families move deliberately into our boundaries to benefit from the high standards of our schools and the resulting quality of our neighborhoods.

The district is not the only reason for the thriving community, but Realtors say it is an important one.

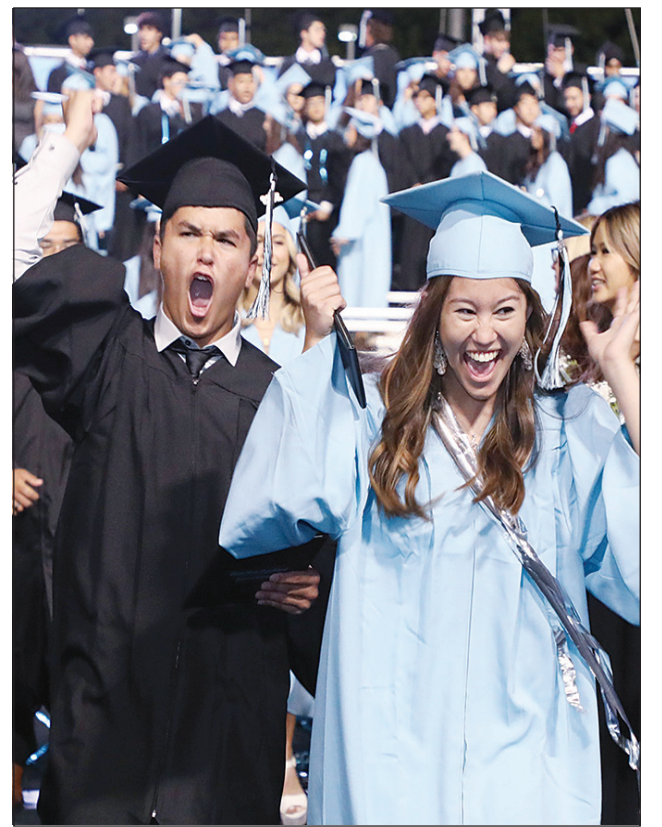
Clovis Unified is ranked No. 1 as the 2022 Best School District in the Fresno County area by Niche, a national ranking and review site used by Realtors, buyers and businesses to

find out more about a community when making location decisions.

Clovis Unified strives to strengthen the community by adding to property values, growing business needs and bringing tourism and shopping dollars into the local economy with academic, performance and athletic events at our venues. Additionally, several regional, state and national events use our district's facilities, adding outside spending to the local economy.

Clovis Unified's No. 1 goal will always be to educate students in the best way possible, but we see it as our responsibility to give back to the community that supports us. We are committed to being good stewards of the tax dollars and bond money and to be efficient and innovative with spending, maximizing dollars wherever we can. As the lowest funded school district in the Valley, this is critical.

The Niche ranking confirms what we are doing is making a positive impact, and we want to thank those who have and continue to support our schools, students and staff through donations, volunteerism and, in the face of COVID challenges, acts of kindness and words of encouragement.



We will continue to do all we can to add value to the community at large and the neighborhood hubs surrounding our schools. We are grateful for your partnership.

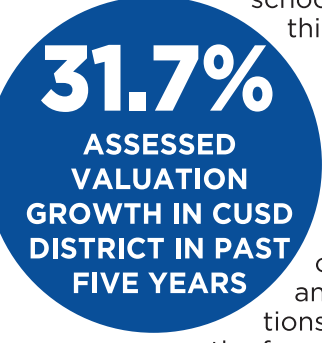
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3 EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED
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4 EVALUATE THE OUTCOME
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