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Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica is pleased to announce Kerri Fulton, Grass Valley resident and coordinator for the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) Prevention Supports and Services Department, as the PCOE “Management Employee of the Year.”

“Kerri’s leadership helps schools put into place the needed framework and mental health supports that our students need,” said Superintendent Garbolino-Mojica. “It’s no wonder she is the PCOE Management Employee of the Year.”

(Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica pictured with the PCOE Management Employee of the Year Kerri Fulton.)
“This award is very meaningful to me, as I feel it acknowledges all of the hard work that our family of PCOE employees do every day,” shared Ms. Fulton. “To be recognized as the Management Employee of the Year is an honor, as I am surrounded by mentors and educational leaders and still consider myself new to the leadership role. I was most excited to share the news of this bestowment with my four daughters, whom I hope grow into women leaders full of courage, compassion and unapologetic tenacity.”

Ms. Fulton joined PCOE in November 2010 as a Student Support Practitioner. She earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from California State University, East Bay. Ms. Fulton is an educational leader in school climate, student mental wellness and wraparound which is a philosophy of care with defined planning process used to build constructive relationships and support networks among students and youth with emotional or behavioral disabilities and their families. Ms. Fulton is a mom to four daughters and resides in Grass Valley with her family.

See why Kerri Fulton is #goldineducation – watch the video:  

Each year, the Placer County Office of Education honors its employees for their work performance through Employee of the Year Awards in five categories which include Classified, Certificated, Management, Rookie of the Year and the Superintendent’s Award. Nominations are submitted from peers in the organization and then selected by the leadership team.
The PCOE Prevention Supports and Services department helps schools and districts develop systems of support for children and families throughout Placer County and throughout the state by providing training and technical support in a wide variety of areas including commercially-sexually exploited youth, foster youth, mental wellness, youth employment and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Under the leadership of the Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica and the County Board of Education, PCOE serves as the link between the California Department of Education and the 16 local school districts in Placer County. PCOE’s role includes approval of local school district budgets to ensure sound fiscal operation, reviewing and approving Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs), and developing professional development and educational opportunities for educators. In addition to providing services to local school districts, PCOE also operates educational programs that provide services directly to students such as special education programs for students with rare disabilities and alternative education programs for students who have been expelled or probation referred.

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**About Placer County Office of Education**

Nestled in the Sierra Foothills, Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) serves over 68,000 students in sixteen individual school districts across Placer County. In order to serve the students of Placer County, PCOE provides an array of programs and service to meet student needs. This task is accomplished by providing high quality specialized programs for students; recruiting, retaining, and developing highly qualified staff; and monitoring fiscal accountability and expenditures of our tax dollars. For more information, please visit [www.placercoe.k12.ca.us](http://www.placercoe.k12.ca.us).