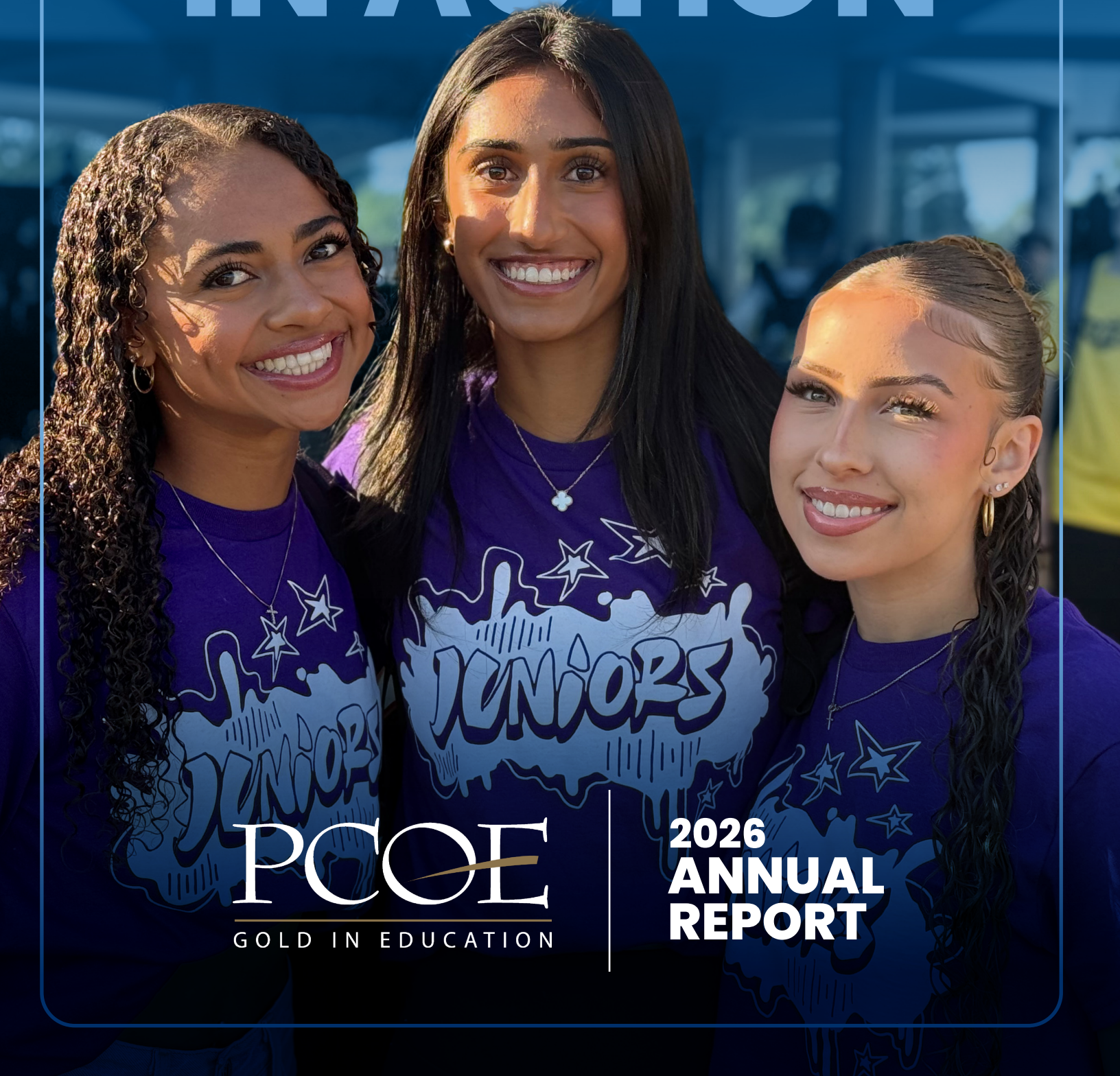


Purpose **IN ACTION**



PCOE
GOLD IN EDUCATION

**2026
ANNUAL
REPORT**

PURPOSE IN ACTION

Placer County's strong schools are built on a clear commitment to help every student succeed. At the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE), our role is to turn that commitment into action through leadership, accountability and service.

We oversee the fiscal and academic health of local school districts, provide expertise and support to educators, and operate specialized programs that meet the needs of students and families across our county. This work helps protect public resources, strengthen schools and create more opportunities for students.

As County Superintendent, I am proud of what our schools continue to achieve. Placer County students consistently outperform state averages in academics and graduation rates. That success reflects talented educators, strong local leadership and communities that value education.

This is Purpose in Action: strong leadership, accountable schools and better opportunities for every student.

Yours in education,



Gayle Garbolino-Mojica

Placer County Superintendent of Schools



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MEET THE SUPERINTENDENT

Gayle Garbolino-Mojica is a respected education leader known for her commitment to strong schools, student success and public education. First elected Placer County Superintendent of Schools in 2006, she is the longest-serving county superintendent in California and one of Placer County's longest-serving elected leaders.

Under her leadership, Placer County schools have built a strong record of academic excellence, with students consistently outperforming state averages in academics and graduation rates. Working alongside local educators, school leaders and families, she has helped ensure students are prepared for success in school, career and life. It is a record that has helped make Placer County #GoldInEducation.

As County Superintendent, Garbolino-Mojica leads PCOE and its programs, champions public education and helps keep the community informed about the issues and policies affecting local schools.

She is a graduate of the University of California, Davis and earned her master's degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from California State University, Sacramento.

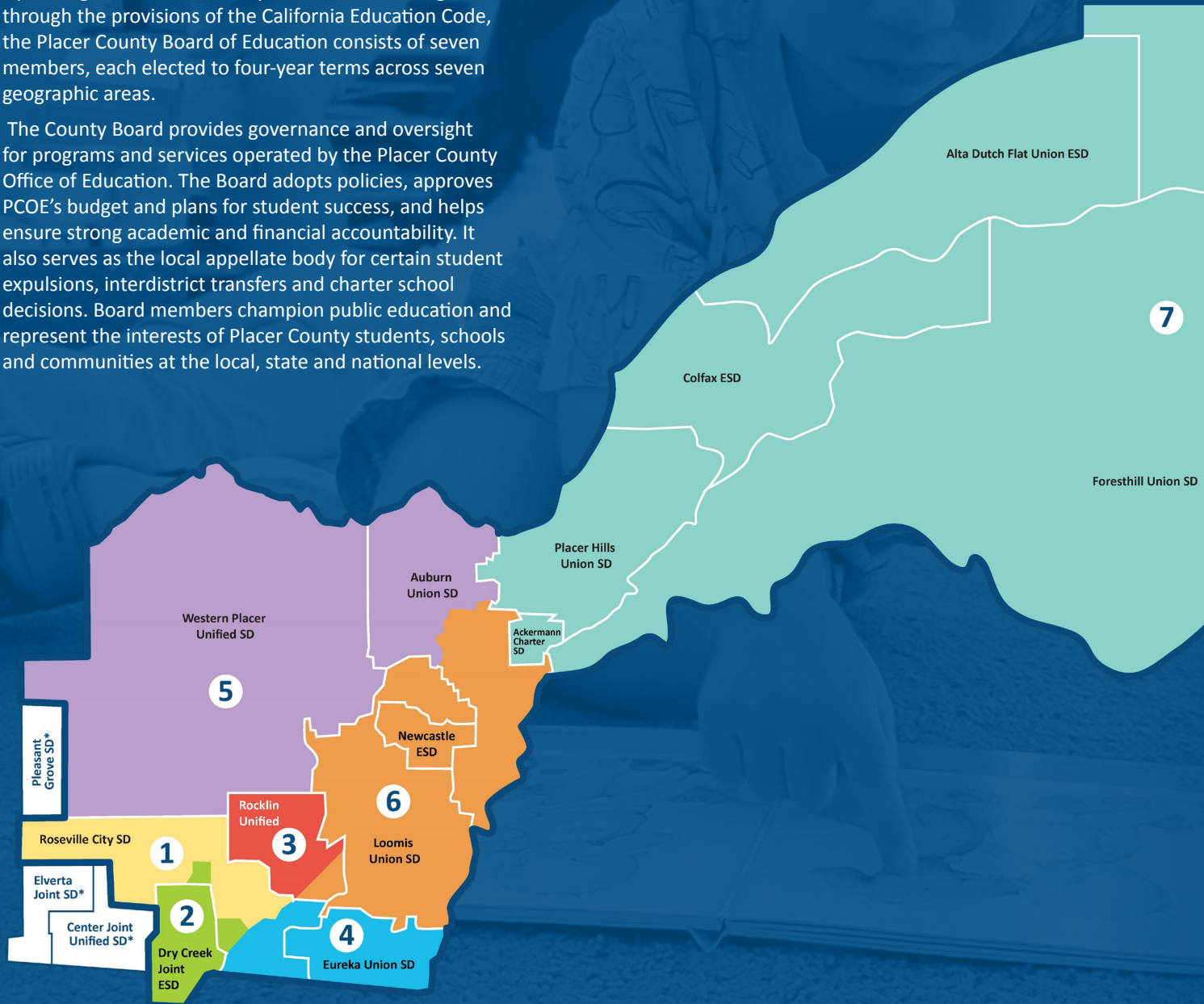


COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Placer County Board of Education, in partnership with the Placer County Superintendent of Schools, provides leadership to support the success of public education.

Operating under the authority of the California Legislature, through the provisions of the California Education Code, the Placer County Board of Education consists of seven members, each elected to four-year terms across seven geographic areas.

The County Board provides governance and oversight for programs and services operated by the Placer County Office of Education. The Board adopts policies, approves PCOE's budget and plans for student success, and helps ensure strong academic and financial accountability. It also serves as the local appellate body for certain student expulsions, interdistrict transfers and charter school decisions. Board members champion public education and represent the interests of Placer County students, schools and communities at the local, state and national levels.





Sergey Terebkov

Area 1



Andrew Tagg

Area 2



David Patterson, Ed.D.

Area 3



R. Jan Pinney

Area 4



**Vacancy Pending
Provisional Appointment**

Area 5



Renee Regacho-Anaclerio, Ed.D.

Area 6



Learn more about the Placer County Board of Education and its role in shaping education through PCOE's nationally award-winning Faces of Leadership video series.



Amber Johnson

Area 7



Quarth Hashem

Student Board Member

WHO WE ARE: ABOUT PCOE

Our Mission, Vision & Strategic Goals

PCOE is guided by a shared vision between the County Superintendent and at the County Board of Education to expand opportunities for every student. By working with schools, families and community partners, PCOE strengthens public education while delivering on our promise of credibility, excellence and integrity.

The Role of a County Office of Education

PCOE supports local school districts and students by providing essential services, expert guidance and leadership.



FEDERAL

The federal government provides funding, safeguards equal access and student protections, administers federal education programs, and establishes requirements tied to federal law and funding.



STATE

The California Department of Education (CDE), State Board of Education (SBE), and the state legislature make up the state level and are responsible for education laws, regulations, adoption of academic standards and oversight of state-funded programs.



COUNTY

At the county level, 58 County Offices of Education, like PCOE, provide oversight, support and services to districts – ensuring fiscal responsibility, delivering specialized programs and helping implement state policies.



LOCAL

There are 16 Placer County school districts and 16 charter schools that provide the day-to-day high-quality education to more than 77,000 students throughout the county.



WHAT DOES PCOE DO?

There is a direct connection between education and economic growth, and Placer County schools lead the way when it comes to a high-quality and robust education for students. PCOE provides valuable supports and services that are essential to school district operations and school communities in developing an educated future workforce.

Impact to the Community

- Serves as an accountability agent for public education, providing fiscal and academic oversight of school districts to help ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, strong educational programs and compliance with state requirements.
- Operates the Come Back Program which provides an independent study pathway for adults to return to school and earn their high school diploma.
- Assists with childcare referrals and serves as an alternative payment provider to ensure families who meet income eligibility thresholds have access to high-quality early learning programs.

Supports to Students

- Serves at-risk youth educated in the Placer County Juvenile Detention Center.
- Provides resources for foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Operates regional programs for students with severe special needs, deaf and hard of hearing, and those who are multiply disabled.
- Supports Placer County's youngest learners by operating nine California State Preschool Programs (CSPP).
- Provides early intervention supports and services for children ages 0-3 with special needs or developmental delays.
- Connects students and families with books, literacy resources and community reading opportunities through the Placer County Reads initiative.

Supports to Districts

- Runs accredited credential programs for special education teachers and new administrators.
- Partners with school districts to provide mental health resources and school-based wellness centers.
- Provides more than 300 professional development workshops and training annually for educators and school employees.
- Assists local districts with academic performance and accountability initiatives.
- Provides a variety of business services and technology supports.



PCOE PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION



PLACER COUNTY READS: BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF READERS

Strong readers are better prepared to succeed in school, career and life. Through Placer County Reads, PCOE is bringing schools, families and community partners together to help every child build strong literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading.

The initiative puts books into the hands of children, gives families practical ways to support reading at home and connects educators with tools to strengthen literacy instruction. Community events such as Blankets & Books make reading accessible, engaging and part of everyday family life.

PCOE's leadership in literacy also extends far beyond Placer County. In 2026, PCOE was awarded a \$15.2 million statewide literacy grant to lead a multi-county effort focused on strengthening literacy instruction and improving outcomes for students across California.

From supporting families here at home to leading literacy work statewide, PCOE is helping build stronger readers and brighter futures. That is Purpose in Action.



Learn more about the Placer County Reads literacy initiative at www.placercountyreads.org.





CHILDCARE: SUPPORTING CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY

Reliable childcare does more than support children. It allows parents to work, strengthens local businesses and gives young children an early foundation for success.

Through its Early Childhood Education programs, PCOE supports approximately 3,000 children and 1,600 families across Placer County. Services include early learning programs, help paying for childcare and free referrals that connect families with care that meets their needs. PCOE also supports local childcare providers with training and resources.

For children, access to early learning builds skills that prepare them for school. For parents, dependable childcare makes it possible to go to work, attend school or pursue training. For our community, that means stronger families and a stronger workforce.

Investing in our youngest learners while helping families work and thrive. That is Purpose in Action.



[Learn more](#) about PCOE Early Childhood Enrollment Fairs.



SUPERINTENDENTS LEADERSHIP CABIN



Brad Tooker, Ed.D.

Deputy County
Superintendent/Chief of Staff



Susan Connolly-Fox

Associate Superintendent,
Student Services



Jennifer Hicks

Associate Superintendent,
Educational Services



Roger Van Putten

Associate Superintendent,
Business Services

THE PCOE DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

Office of the Superintendent

- County Committee on School District Organization
- Events and Communications
- Policies & Regulations
- Public Information Office

Operations & Administrative Services

- District and Internal Business Services
- Fingerprint Consortium for Substitute Teachers
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Maintenance & Operations
- Safety and Crisis Response

Educational Services

- Continuous Improvement and Support
- Early Childhood Education
- Placer County Reads Literacy Initiative
- Frist 5 Commission
- Leadership & Learning Collaborative
- Foster Youth Services and McKinney-Vento Homeless Education
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Student Attendance Review Board
- Tobacco Use Prevention and Education

Student Services

- California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN)
- Court and Community Schools
- Infant Development Program
- Open Access and Universal Design for Learning
- PCOE-Operated Charter Schools
- Special Educational Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Special Education Regionalized Programs



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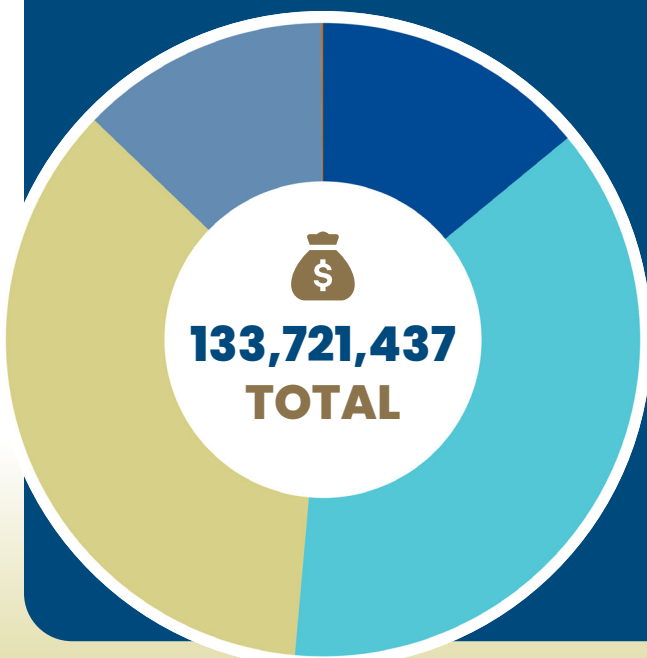
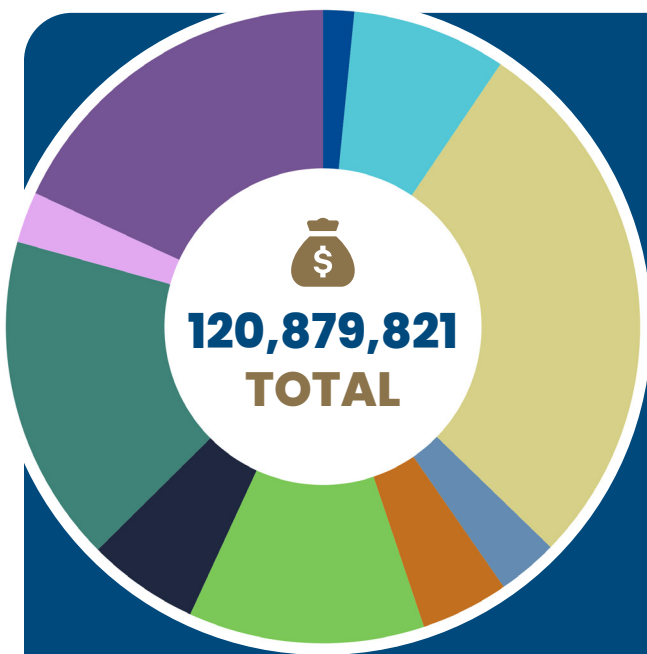


Michelle Eklund

Chief Communications
Officer

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP: FUNDING & BUDGET

At PCOE, strong financial stewardship and transparency are fundamental to our mission. We are committed to managing taxpayer dollars responsibly, ensuring that every investment supports high-quality programs and services for students and school communities. Through careful planning and accountability, PCOE demonstrates transparency in action and remains a trusted steward of public resources.



EXPENDITURES

	Court/Community Schools	1.6%
	Curriculum & Instruction	7.9%
	Early Childhood Education	27.8%
	Facilities	3.1%
	Pathways Charter	4.5%
	Prevention Supports & Services	12.0%
	SELPA	5.7%
	Special Education	16.7%
	Technology	2.6%
	All Other (Admin, Business, Human Resources)	18.1%

REVENUE

	LCFF & Other State	14.0%
	Property Taxes	37.4%
	Other Local	35.8%
	Federal	12.7%
	State Lottery	0.10%

COUNTYWIDE EXCELLENCE: PLACER COUNTRY EDUCATION

Made up of 1,500 square miles of the most beautiful and diverse geography in California, Placer County stretches from urban South Placer, through the historical Gold Country Foothills, into the High Sierras of North Lake Tahoe.

Placer County Schools Lead the Way

Placer County is well-regarded for our high-quality public education system. Our schools lead the way when it comes to providing a first-class, robust education for all students. Year after year, Placer County students outperform the state when it comes to test scores, attendance and graduation rates.

93.7%

PLACER COUNTY
AVERAGE

87.5%

CALIFORNIA STATE
AVERAGE

	County	State
English	60.95%	48.82%
Math	51.52%	37.3%
Science	45.33%	32.66%
Graduation Rate	93.7%	87.5%

Placer County Students Rank:

2ND

in the state for English/
Language Arts Standard

3RD

in the state for
Math Standards

MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS: TURNING LANGUAGE INTO OPPORTUNITY

Placer County continues to rank among California's leaders in supporting multilingual learners, placing 6th in the state and 2.4 percentage points above the statewide rate for students reclassified as Fluent English Proficient.

Reclassification means students have developed the English skills needed to fully access grade-level learning while continuing to build on the value of their home language and culture.

This success reflects the hard work of students, families and educators and celebrates multilingualism as a strength that enriches our schools and community. Helping every student build the skills and opportunities to succeed. That is Purpose in Action.



PLACER COUNTY EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS



77,889
STUDENTS

8.3% English Learners

35.5% Socioeconomic Disadvantaged

3.0% Homeless and Foster Youth

13.3% Students with Disabilities

16 Charter Schools

4,779 Credentialed Teachers & Cert. Staff

3,185 Classified Staff



128
SCHOOLS



62% **OF GRADUATING STUDENTS
MEET UC/CSU REQUIREMENTS**

977 students earning the State of California Seal of Biliteracy

55 languages spoken by Placer County students with Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian and Farsi rating among the top

BROADER PLACER COUNTER NUMBERS



442,081
COUNTY POPULATION

\$688,100 Median Home Price

\$115,998 Median Household Income



Roseville City School District and Western Placer Unified School District are the **fastest growing** districts.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

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Ackerman	634
Alta-Dutch Flat	99
Auburn Union	1,330
Colfax Elementary	324
Dry Creek Joint	6,722
Eureka Union	3,531
Foresthill Union	471
Loomis Union	2,341
Newcastle Elementary	187
Placer Hills	773
Placer Union	3,772
Rocklin Unified	11,536
Roseville City	12,701
Roseville Joint	11,310
Tahoe Truckee Unified	3,966
Western Placer Unified	8,230
PCOE Programs	385
Various Charter Schools	9,467

Sources: California Department of Education DataQuest, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, U.S. Census Bureau





ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY

African American	1,618	2.1%
American Indian	308	0.4%
Asian	7,242	9.3%
Filipino	2,438	3.1%
Hispanic/Latino	17,916	23.0%
Pacific Islander	308	0.4%
White	40,026	51.4%
Two or More Races	6,863	8.8%
Not Reported	1,170	1.5%

SCHOOLS BY TYPE

Elementary	79
Middle Schools	14
High Schools	17
Alternative and Continuation	11
K-12	5
Special Education	2



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

PCOE is proud to celebrate the outstanding educators, schools and students who exemplify the highest standards of learning and leadership. From honoring our Teachers of the Year to celebrating schools recognized for statewide achievements, these accomplishments reflect the strength, dedication and innovation that define education across Placer County.

- 8** California Distinguished Schools
- 1** California Model Continuation High School
- 65** California PBIS Recognition Schools
 - 23** Platinum Awards
 - 24** Gold Awards
 - 14** Silver Awards
 - 4** Bronze Awards





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Members of the community are invited to attend the Placer County Board of Education public meetings, typically held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

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