



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Supporting Whole-Child Success
Across the Central Valley

December 2025



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for **Greenfield Union School District's** new mobile medical clinic, created in partnership with Kern Medical and Kern Family Health Care.

Together We Build: Pleasant View's Spooktacular Success



Pleasant View Elementary School District brought the community together for a festive and family-friendly **Spooktacular Trunk or Treat** celebration, welcoming students, families, and friends from across the Porterville area. The event was a hit, offering a safe and joyful space for children to show off costumes, collect treats, and enjoy the Halloween spirit with their school community. Leading the charge, District Community Schools Director **Patricia Torres** and Community Schools Coordinator **Brenda Reyes** worked alongside the Community Schools Team to turn the celebration into an opportunity for connection and collaboration. Dressed in construction-themed gear, the team hosted a booth called **"Building Our Community"**, inviting families, students, and educational partners to share ideas that will help shape future programs and supports.

Their creative approach sparked meaningful conversations and generated thoughtful suggestions from participants. The team shared that the feedback was **"amazing and inspiring,"** and they plan to build on these ideas as part of their ongoing community schools work throughout Tulare County. Pleasant View Elementary continues to strengthen its role as a hub for students and families—where events like this not only bring joy, but also fuel shared vision and community voice.



Dinuba Collaborative Unites Partners to Support Families



Dinuba Unified School District hosted its latest Dinuba Collaborative meeting bringing together staff and community partners to share updates, identify needs, and align efforts. The district's Community Schools work, led under the direction of **Cynthia Garcia, Community Schools Coordinator**, continues to guide these collaborative efforts. Each month, the Collaborative features a partner spotlight.

This month, Cheryl and William Nicolay presented on **Dawnings Resource Center**, offering insight into the services their organization provides to Dinuba families. Community Schools staff provided updates on upcoming events, including the Dinuba Christmas Parade, Parent Project classes, food distribution at Sierra Vista High School, and current support efforts for alternative education students. The meeting also included discussion around the **Community Schools Partner Survey**, giving attendees a chance to reflect on their vision for Dinuba families and identify strengths, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration. With shared purpose and steady collaboration, Dinuba continues to create brighter pathways for every student and family.

INSIDE WOODVILLE ELEMENTARY'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL JOURNEY

The **TCOE Community Schools Team** recently hosted the second **Convening of the Practitioners (CoTP)** of the 2025–2026 series. The session focused on the Four Proven Practices of the Community Schools Framework: community asset mapping and gap analysis, the role of a community school coordinator, site-based and LEA-based advisory councils, and integrating and aligning community school work with other programs. Much of the discussion centered on advisory councils. Participants reflected on their current practices, envisioned areas for growth, and shared insights with colleagues from across the region.



A highlight of the convening was the presentation from **Woodville Union Elementary** Community School. Superintendent **Lou Saephan** and Learning Director **Othoniel Figueroa** walked participants through their planning and implementation journey. Early in their development, Othoniel was identified as the community school coordinator, and an advisory committee was formed to assess needs and assets. Today, Woodville is actively aligning its community school work with existing programs, initiatives, and funding streams.

Participants also toured the Woodville campus and experienced the community school model in action. They visited the College and Career Room, where students explore a range of career pathways; the STEM Room, which supports hands-on experimentation and creative learning; and the Tech/Game Room, designed to reward positive attendance and academic success. The tour concluded with a look at the Community Schools Center, now under construction, which will soon provide space for student pathways, parent groups, partner agencies, and other community-focused activities.



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