

2017-18 A YEAR IN REVIEW FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

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IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR!



LCFF—2017-18 serves as the last year of “phase in” funding for the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), bringing the district within 2% of full funding. See page 2 for a breakdown of LCFF funding.

Although on paper full funding sounds great, we must keep in mind that the State’s definition of full funding is at the 2007-08 levels. California continues to fund school districts well below the national average.

The 2017-18 school year brought great excitement throughout the district, with the first major renovations in years taking place due to the passage of Measure B in 2016! Thank you Willows community!

Murdock Elementary School received new classrooms, a new library-media center, new restrooms and a new staff room. Willows Intermediate obtained new student/staff restrooms, and Willows High School’s Measure B

construction consisted of air conditioning, re-vamped locker rooms, and new bleachers in the gym as well as modernization of the cafeteria restrooms and floor. The high school also received a new roof and exterior paint.

Contract negotiations were successfully settled with the Willows Unified Teachers Assn. (WUTA), resulting in a well deserved 7% increase to the salary schedule in 2017-18 and a 1% off schedule payment in 2018-19.

We commend WUTA for requesting that the 1% off schedule payment be split equally among the staff allowing those new to the profession to receive an equal payment to that of veteran staff members.

This allowed the district and WUTA to agree to a 3 year contract with no monetary re-opensers until July 1, 2020.

The School Board

approved a transfer of funding into our Technology (Resource 9153) account to allow funding to be pushed out to school sites to continue growth in technology for students. The School Board also supported professional development by establishing a Professional Development (PD) Program (Resource 9517) that will provide much needed funds over the next five years. This was necessary due to the end of the State’s Educator Effectiveness Program and a drastic 50% cut in the federal PD program known as Title II.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

~ Malcom X

DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment:

District enrollment increased in 2017-18 by 20 students, bringing our Cal Pads certified number to 1444. We ended the year with an average annual enrollment of 1446.

English Learners: 286 (20%)
 Homeless: 162 (11%)
 Socio-Economically Disadvantaged: 1019 (71%)
 Unduplicated % = 70%

2017-18 Local Control Funding :

LCFF	\$7,223,093
LOCAL TAXES	\$4,389,920
EPA	\$2,014,144
SUPPLEMENTAL	\$1,534,752
CONCENTRATION	\$ 753,473
INCREASE OVER 16/17	\$ 868,609
PER PUPIL INCREASE	\$602

Other District Funding in 2017-18:

Donations:	\$ 56,000+
GCOE	\$ 12,795
Title I	\$ 365,903
CTE	\$ 125,344
TII/TIII/TVI	\$ 134,644
Prop 39 (last yr)	\$ 114,396
Ag Incentive	\$ 24,830
MTSS Grant (MES)	\$ 50,000

NEW WHEELS

In 2017-18 our school board approved the purchase of a new food services van, replacing a 1990 truck that had been used by Willows Unified for more than 20 years.

The district also enhanced our Drivers' Education Program by providing our teacher, Mr. Randy Prinz with a new Ford Focus to use in the behind the wheel training.

We also purchased a new Exiss Livestock trailer for use in our Ag and FFA Programs.



TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY

Enhanced technology continued to be a priority in 2017-18. The staffing computer rotation schedule was adopted with the goal to make sure no staff member has a system that is older than five years.

Sites were able to increase the number of Chrome-book carts by utilizing the last of the Educator Effectiveness carryover, donations, and other district funds.

The district upgraded video surveillance systems and telephones at all sites, purchased a new server, and upgraded our firewall.

SCHOOL SITE ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF

MURDOCK ELEMETNARY SCHOOL (TK thru 5th):

- Stephen Montana ~ Principal
- Ron Bazan ~ Assistant Principal
- Marsha Squier ~ School Secretary II
- Elvira DiMaggio ~ School Secretary I
- Celeste Baker ~ District School Nurse



WILLOWS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6th thru 8th):

- Steve Sailsbery ~ Principal
- Ron Bazan ~ Assistant Principal
- Erin Taylor ~ School Secretary II
- Stephanie Southam ~ School Secretary I

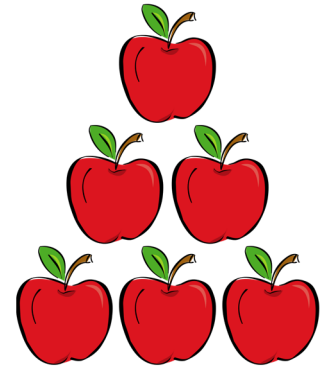
WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL (9th thru 12th):

- David Johnstone ~ Principal
- Tim Drury ~ Assistant Principal
- Shelley Taylor ~ School Secretary II
- Amy Baker ~ School Secretary I/Account Clerk



WILLOWS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (10th thru 12th):

- Dr. Mort Geivett ~ Principal
- Tim Drury ~ Assistant Principal
- Liz Beck ~ School Secretary II



IT'S ALL ABOUT COLLABORATION

Where would we be without our dedicated employees? Those who are leading the way in the classified ranks for Willows Unified are:

- Operations and Maintenance Lead—Steven Permann
- Transportation Lead—Jaime Thorpe
- Custodial Operations Lead—Rosa Hernandez
- Food Services Lead—Evone LaCombe

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

We value partnerships with our unions and their leadership:

- Willows Unified Teachers Association President—Shelley Amaro**
- California School Employees Assn. Unit 119 President—Georgia Criner**



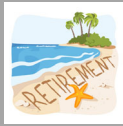
CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

~New Babies~



Bibiana McNeil— A son, Felix
 Manuel “Bear” Rakestraw— A daughter, Delilah
 Caleb Fleming— A daughter, Elsie Jane
 Annie Mascadri—A son, Chance

~Retirements~



Willows High School Teacher BJ Boyd– July 2018
 Murdock Elementary School Teacher Janna Alves—Oct. 2018
 Cheryl Davis Asst. Cafeteria Mgr.—Nov. 2018
 Valerie Taylor Transportation Lead—Sept. 2017

~Honors~




WHS Class of 2018 Valedictorians—Macy Amaro,
 Christina Carriere & Bailey Morrell
 WHS Class of 2018 Salutatorian—Kevin LaCombe

COMMUNITY GENEROSITY IS OVERWHELMING!

In the 2017-18 school year, our district received more than \$56,000 in donations! The school board gratefully accepted donations from the following individuals and organizations: Cal Water, Glenn County Office of Education, Willows Community Thrift Shoppe, Glenn County Fish and Game, Jules Alcantara, Jeff & Susie Fleming, John & Babs Berens, Dominic & Judith Gallwitz, Willows Music Boosters, Lannie's Septic Service, Willows Hardware, Scalvini Tire and Auto, Baker Trucking, Sinclair Heating & Air, D&J Tires, A&R Farms, Willows Kiwanis Club, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Monica's Institute #111, Mike Peterich, Walmart, Safety Tire Service, Kathi Meckfessel, SL Farms, David & Sandra Roak, Northern Valley Indian Health, Wilbur Ellis, 4M2G, Gandy & Staley Oil Co., McCorkle Farms, O'Brien's, Superior Products, Tricia Lawson, Murdock PTO, Omega Seed International Inc., L&T Towing, Willows Veterinary Clinic, Mid Valley Veterinary Hospital, Christine Sinclair, Nancy Hutson, Tara Berens, Carla Huttman, Fear None Ent, Harlow & Mary Plimpton, Willows Alumni Assn., The Monday Afternoon Club, Glenn County Deputy Sheriff's Assoc. A special thank you to everyone who made anonymous donations and those who supported all the fund raising efforts at WUSD. *We are truly blessed!*



LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN—Moving forward



WUSD Roadmap to Success 2018-2019 LCAP Goals

Goal 1:

Conditions of Learning:
Willows Unified School District will optimize the conditions of student learning by providing broad courses of study taught by highly competent, effective teachers who will maintain instructional programs that are standards-aligned, intellectually challenging, and developmentally appropriate for all learners while using appropriate instructional materials in well-maintained school facilities.

Goal 2:

Pupil Outcomes:
Willows Unified School District will provide high quality classroom instruction and curriculum that promote college and career readiness with academic interventions in place to better ensure student success.


Goal 3:

Engagement:
Willows Unified School District will foster a climate of student engagement, involvement, and connectedness that will be demonstrated in strong attendance and graduation rates; low suspension and expulsion rates; a culture that promotes student and employee safety, as well as opportunities for meaningful student, parent, community involvement and input.

As I ride off into the retirement sunset, I will be forever grateful and indebted to this school board and administration for allowing me the greatest opportunity of my life. I have worked with many people over the course of my 18 years in education, and all of you set the bar to which others should aim!

I have fully and whole heartedly enjoyed the past six years at Willows Unified School District. The entire staff epitomizes the true meaning of teamwork and dedication. I will look back on my time here with great admiration and deep gratitude.

Thank you for so many wonderful memories, laughter, camaraderie and most of all the many friendships developed over the years. My heart is full!





A GREAT PLACE TO BE!



MISSION STATEMENT

“PREPARING TODAY’S STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW’S CHALLENGES”

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