



Butte County Charter School Support

We work closely with a network of charter schools and their leaders, including Casey Taylor, Executive Director of Achieve Charter Schools in Paradise, CA. Casey and her team have done phenomenal work in Paradise for students, families and the surrounding community. Many of their staff and students have lost their homes, and Achieve's brand new high school, which just opened this fall, was burned in the Camp Fire. Thankfully, their K-8 school is salvageable. We are partnering with other charter schools in Northern and Central California to provide support for Casey's families, and other schools in Butte County. At this time, they have been gratefully overwhelmed with donations of clothing and food, and have asked for time to identify specific needs of the community. If you wish, you can donate [here](#), and the funds will be used to provide support to children and families. Over the next few weeks, as needs are identified, we hope to be able to gather specific tangible supplies and items to support the families in Paradise and the surrounding area.

California Healthy Youth Act

The recent passage of AB-2601 applies the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) to charter schools at the commencement of the 2019-2020 school year. The CHYA requires all California public schools to teach sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention in grades 7 to 12 at least once in middle school and at least once in high school. Our goal over the next several months is to ensure the process of developing a program to meet the requirements is done in a thoughtful, collaborative manner. Over the next several months there will be multiple opportunities to participate in the process and to provide input on how Rocklin Academy Family of Schools will implement the requirements in AB 2601. Staff will be working closely with Western Sierra's Operation Committee and Rocklin Academy Gateway middle school representation to develop a proposed implementation plan to share at our December 17th board meeting. We encourage you to attend.



Principal Bowler in China

Western Sierra Principal, Chelsea Bowler, along with hundreds of educators across the country, are part of the 2018 Chinese Bridge Delegation. The Delegation, funded by Confucius Classroom, is a weeklong program in China to strengthen the Chinese program and partnerships in our schools. Principal Bowler's schedule is packed with school visits and cultural activities and we are happy to share some highlights from her trip. Ms. Bowler was also invited to be a keynote speaker, as the leader of a school with a flourishing Mandarin program and because of the partnerships Western Sierra has with the Confucius Classroom through San Francisco State.



The Chinese Bridge Delegation through College Board held the opening ceremony at Hanban Headquarters in Beijing. Attendees explored the interactive museum of Chinese culture and they dressed Mrs. Bowler in the Emperor's robe. The 200 delegates representing College Board from across the United States toured Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall.

Western Sierra Collegiate High School Volleyball

Congratulations to Western Sierra Collegiate Academy's girls' volleyball team for their advancement to the State Championships Playoffs. They are the first team at Western Sierra to win a State Playoff game and had a great run! We are so proud of you!



Go Eagles! Go Wolves! Go Gators! Go Cubs!