



Maple School District Community Update Letter

Dear Maple Families,

As we near the conclusion of the current school year and begin preparing for the 2026–2027 school year, I want to welcome our new families and share several important updates including information regarding our LCAP feedback process.

First, I would like to announce a few staffing changes for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Ashley Clark has committed to transitioning into our 2nd grade classroom as Mrs. Holtermann has made the decision to resign and stay home with her newborn. We are grateful for Mrs. Holtermann's contributions to Maple and wish her family all the best during this exciting new chapter. We would also like to wish Mrs. Galiza, one of our instructional aides, a happy retirement!

Our new 3rd grade teacher will be Melanie Quintanilla. Melanie previously worked at Maple in our after-school program and recently completed her student teaching here on campus. We are excited to welcome her back to the Maple family in this new role.

In addition, Mrs. Bloemhof, our TK teacher, has decided to transition to a job-share model beginning next school year. We are pleased to welcome Cassie Esnoz as her teaching partner. Cassie brings five years of teaching experience in local school districts, and we are excited to have her join our team. Please join me in welcoming both Melanie and Cassie as we prepare for another outstanding school year.

Thank you to all of our families who participated in this year's annual LCAP survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable and plays an important role in helping us continue to improve our programs and services for students and families.

This year's survey results showed increased positive ratings in the areas of drop-off and dismissal procedures, academic support services, and cafeteria meals. While we recognize there is still room for growth in each of these areas, we are encouraged to see that many of the changes and additions implemented this year have made a positive impact.

I am also pleased to share that beginning next school year, Maple will be adding an Academic Interventionist position focused on providing one-on-one pull-out intervention support for our highest-need students. Additionally, while we are proud of the improvements made to our breakfast and lunch programs, our long-term goal remains to establish an on-site cook-in kitchen rather than continuing to rely on an outside district meal vendor. This will ensure the freshest meals for our students.

One area consistently identified through our LCAP survey results this year was the desire for clearer, more consistent communication between school and home. Families expressed wanting school information to be more centralized and easily accessible, as well as a stronger understanding of classroom assignments and daily activities. Survey responses also highlighted strong support for the continuation of tutoring services.

To address these needs, I am excited to share that Maple has partnered with our existing website company to develop a new Maple App, which will be available in both the Android and iOS app stores. This app will serve as a centralized communication hub for families, teachers, and staff. In addition to housing important school information, the app will include chat and classroom communication features. Currently, many Maple families with multiple students must navigate several different communication platforms depending on the classroom teacher. Beginning next school year, this new app will provide a universal communication platform across all classrooms. Additional information regarding the app, including login details and instructions, will be shared with families in early August. We will continue using text messaging and automated phone calls for important announcements; however, the app will become our primary communication tool for classroom specific communication.

Regarding our After School Program, I am pleased to announce that services will begin on the very first day of school next year. We understand that the first week of school can be especially hectic for families, particularly with dismissal procedures and transportation adjustments. Starting the program on day one will help better support our students and families during this transition. Applications will be sent home on August 1st and should be returned to the office promptly.

Thank you for helping make this past school year such a tremendous success. Together, we achieved our attendance goal of 96.2% despite a historically difficult fog season. Our chronic absenteeism rate of 3.81% remains one of the lowest in Kern County, and our students demonstrated double-digit gains on state assessments in Math, English Language Arts, and Science. Our school district stands as one of the top countywide!

Thank you as well for your continued participation in our family engagement series. My hope is that the content shared throughout the year has strengthened and encouraged your families. Being rooted in Family, Community, and Education has always been at the heart of Maple, and it continues to guide all that we do.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to MCC and all of our parent volunteers for their service and support this year. Many of our field trips, campus improvements, and classroom resources were made possible through their efforts and generosity. Our campus is a better place because of this outstanding organization and the families who support it. I encourage all parents to consider getting involved in the important work they do for our school community.

Mustangs, we are excited for the upcoming school year and look forward to continuing to see our students thrive, grow, and accomplish amazing things. Please have a wonderful summer with friends and family!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Be Blessed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryan Carter". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "B" and "C".

Maple School District
Superintendent