

# Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District

## Superintendent's Message

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff and students, welcome to the 2022-23 school year! As an educator with the Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District for twenty-six years, I am honored to serve as your superintendent. The last two years have been extremely challenging for our students, parents, educators, administrators and support staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only have we navigated numerous changes in instruction and safety protocols, but endured limited sports seasons and opportunities for family engagement. The District is focused on learning recovery and will continue to provide opportunities for after school tutoring, credit recovery courses, and small group instruction to close learning gaps caused by the pandemic.

I will continue to work alongside the staff of this district to create a safe and healthy learning environment that is committed to engaging all students in every classroom every day. As a District, we will concentrate on learning recovery and academic rigor in all classes, as well as Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) and Social-Emotional Learning to decrease discipline issues and suspension rates at all school sites. While certificated staff concentrate on creating instruction that increases student engagement and lesson relevance; classified staff will be helping to create learning environments that maximize our instructional efforts inside the classroom. Our staff has been trained on Trauma Informed Practices and will continue to focus on the social-emotional development of our students as well.

One of Big Oak-Flat Groveland Unified's greatest strengths has always been the very supportive relationship between the schools and the community. BOFGUSD is committed to continuing this positive relationship for the benefit of our community's children. I have resided in the Groveland area since 1993, and have witnessed the tremendous support this community has given our staff and students; they have volunteered countless hours in our schools and extra-curricular programs. Thousands of dollars have been donated for school supplies, field trips, scholarships, snacks, shoes, clothing, sports equipment and much, much more! During my tenure at the BOFGUSD, I have been impressed by our parent participation and support.

I am excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to a collaborative effort with our administrators, teachers, support staff, families and community. Together we will make a difference for all students in our District. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school, district staff or me personally. Thank you for your interest and involvement in our district.

Wynette Hilton

Superintendent-Principal