



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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Dear GJUESD Families,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and a happy and safe new year! **We look forward to students returning to school on Monday, January 8th.** Hopefully, you had some quality family time, relaxed and rejuvenated during the break.

As a school system, we routinely use local and state assessments to measure growth and achievement in multiple areas. GJUESD is making positive gains in academics, school climate and attendance. I am extremely proud of the hard work demonstrated by our staff, students and parents.

There are a few updates for you as we start the new year together:

California School Dashboard Released

The 2023 [California School Dashboard](#) was released in December. The Dashboard evaluates chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, English learner progress, English language arts and mathematics.

The table below is a snapshot of the progress GJUESD students have made on state assessments and measurements. There was a significant decline in chronic absenteeism and significant academic growth for English learners and for all students in mathematics.

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Dashboard	
Measurement	Growth 2022 to 2023
Chronic Absenteeism	Declined by 17.6%
Suspension Rate	Increased by 1.9%
English Learner Progress	Increased by 3.1%
English Language Arts	Maintained same level as 2022
Mathematics	Increased by 7.3 points

MISSION STATEMENT

The school district's mission is to promote growth and achievement through innovative educational programs that integrate personal strengths, social-emotional and academic learning for all children.

Superintendent: Lois Yount | Chief Business Official: Alejandra Garibay
Curriculum Director: Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano | Educational Services Director: Kuljeet Nijjar
Board of Trustees: Traci Skinner, Casey Raboy, Katherine Harper, Annette Kunze, Wesley Cagle

School Calendar 2024-25

The first day of the school year will be Thursday, August 8th. You can view the full school calendar at [School Calendar 2024-25](#).

January 2024 Newsletter

If you have not already done so, please read our January newsletter and note the changes for making public comments at Board of Education meetings. [January Newsletter](#)

Board of Trustees Reorganization of Officers for 2024

We thank Wesley Cagle for serving as Board President for the last year. New officers are:

- President, Traci Skinner
- Vice President, Casey Raboy
- Clerk, Katherine Harper

School Construction and Modernization


GJUESD continues to prioritize safe and clean facilities. We are proud to announce that a new classroom building has been completed at Valley Oaks Elementary School with teachers and students occupying it on January 8th. We have also installed three new portable classrooms at Lake Canyon. Next on the list will be to replace two older portables at Greer Elementary and four older portable classrooms at Valley Oaks.

Running Track at Marengo Ranch Elementary School

Due to the long-standing partnership between GJUESD and S+B James Construction, they will be installing a running track in the field at Marengo Ranch at no cost to the District. S+B James is donating time, services and equipment to complete this project for the students and community of Galt. The estimated cost for this project is \$250,000.

Please continue to stay informed by reading communications from the District and your school site. Happy New Year! Please stay safe and happy!

Genuinely,



Superintendent