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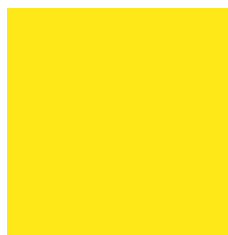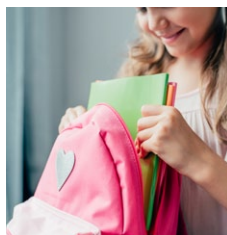Published in 2019-20

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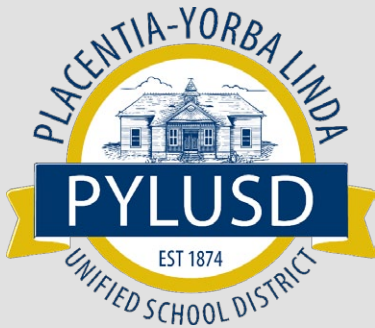Jacque Bluemel
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District Mission Statement

We inspire all students through rigorous and relevant educational experiences that empower them to become responsible, ethical, and contributing citizens.

District Vision Statement

We are committed to being a dynamic and supportive learning community that prepares each and every student for success now and in the future.

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Collaboration
Communication
Critical Thinking
Creativity
Digital Citizenship
Discovery
Excellence
Innovation
Teamwork
The Future
Happens!

Superintendent's Message

Dear PYLUSD Families,

On behalf of our Board of Education, I want to wish you and your family an exciting and successful start to the 2019-20 school year in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD). I would like to take a moment to share a few updates regarding our district's strategic plan, known as The PYLUSD Advantage, and our ongoing efforts surrounding the plan's focus areas.

The PYLUSD Advantage serves as a compass to our decision-making and ensures that our students will have the advantage of an outstanding education. It is more than just a document, but rather a road map that outlines the reason we exist, the direction that drives us, what we stand for and so much more.

Earlier this year, a group of dedicated stakeholders including parents, students, community members, business and civic leaders, and our outstanding staff joined together to revise The PYLUSD Advantage that spanned from 2013 through 2018. This process required great attention to detail as the group carefully considered recent stakeholder survey data collected from PYLUSD families, students and employees. It involved many hours of commitment in order to build upon the plan's historic success. Now a finished product, the newly updated Advantage will be utilized from 2019 through 2024. It will continue to shape the future of our school district and can be viewed online anytime at www.pylusd.org/advantage.

The PYLUSD Advantage identifies five focus areas developed to direct the actions of our district. They are essential to the academic growth of our students and the sustained excellence of our organization. Our five focus areas are academic achievement, effective instruction and leadership, engaged community, safe and respectful environment, and optimized resources.

Focus Area 1.0: Academic Achievement is the core of our district's mission and vision. In PYLUSD, students are provided an array of enrichment opportunities to expand their educational experience. New this school year, five PYLUSD elementary schools will be participating in our full-day kindergarten pilot program. This includes Brookhaven, Glenknoll, Morse, Topaz and Woodsboro elementary schools. Our full-day program will be grounded in developmental research to ensure all participating students receive strong academic foundational instruction as well as additional time to participate in enriched visual and performing arts activities. Through the gift of additional time, students will have the opportunity to interact with other students during purposeful play, physical education, computer lab, library, music and movement, hands-on science and many other extended lessons. With the anticipated success of the pilot, PYLUSD hopes to expand the full-day kindergarten program districtwide for the 2020-21 school year.

Focus Area 2.0: Effective Instruction and Leadership ensures our district attracts, trains, and retains employees and strategic leaders who embrace our vision and values. Relative to this focus area for the 2019-20 school year, PYLUSD will provide an in-person training to school and district management staff on the important and challenging topic of bullying and harassment. Our commitment in this sensitive area of adolescence is recognized as essential to student success in PYLUSD. In addition, our district continues to be intentional about creating "belonging spaces" for all students on our campuses. We believe that when PYLUSD employees invest in students' name, face and story, they create a positive learning environment geared towards academic success and overall wellness.

Focus Area 3.0: Engaged Community encourages positive relationships among our students, staff, and parents as well as educational, business and community partners. PYLUSD looks forward to another school year of collaboration with two of our longstanding partners -- the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified Council (PYLUC) of Parent Teacher Association (PTAs) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSAs) and the REACH Foundation. The award-winning PYLUC assists our individual school PTAs/PTSAs by modeling good parliamentary procedures and advocating on behalf of PYLUSD schools. The REACH Foundation is an all-volunteer, education-focused, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide our students with resources to expand their knowledge in the areas of arts, athletics and academics. I encourage you to continue your valuable connections with your school's PTA/PTSA and the REACH Foundation in whatever way you may be able to this school year.

Focus Area 4.0: Safe and Respectful Environment will continue to serve as one of our primary objectives this school year. PYLUSD fosters a culture that promotes the emotional health, safety and well-being of students, staff and parents. We will continue to offer a long list of student wellness and mental health supports including our in-house board-certified behavior analyst and crisis counselor, as well as our registered behavior technicians, wellness specialists, psychologists and more. These individuals will provide counseling, guidance, and behavioral support to students both in and out of the classroom. Last school year, we implemented an electronic visitor management system at all PYLUSD school sites. The system, known as School Access Management or SAM, enhances school security by reading the drivers' license or other approved form of identification of campus visitors while comparing it to California Megan's Law and similar databases nationwide. SAM will continue to serve as a great support in helping protect our campuses, students and staff this school year. Furthermore, PYLUSD has entered into an agreement with Interquest Detection Canines, Inc. to provide trained detection canines to conduct random inspections of all high school campuses in our district throughout the 2019-20 year. These canines (Golden and Labrador Retrievers) are trained to detect the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol and gunpowder-based items. Lastly, every PYLUSD school site was scheduled to conduct an emergency lockdown drill with students and staff on campus before September 20. Our goal in conducting these drills is to reassure students, staff and families that we are prepared to respond to all safety-related concerns on our campuses.

Superintendent's Message, *Continued from page 2*

Focus Area 5.0: Optimized Resources ensures that all fiscal and capital resources are used to maximize educational opportunities in PYLUSD. New fencing systems continue to be installed at many of our schools to help maintain the flow and safety of our students during the school day, and to add an extra layer of support in securing our campus facilities. Summer also afforded essential time to enhance our learning environments with upgraded roofing, refreshed paint, brighter lights and much more. A special thanks to our maintenance and facilities department for their continued hard work in this area.

As you can see, it has been another busy summer here in PYLUSD! Before we begin, I encourage you to follow the district on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to stay up-to-date on all of our exciting happenings. We often showcase the many accomplishments achieved by each and every one of our outstanding schools. Lastly, I thank you for your continued support as we work to always be the very best for our students, families, employees and community.

Happy new school year, PYLUSD ... It is sure to be our best year yet!

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Plutko, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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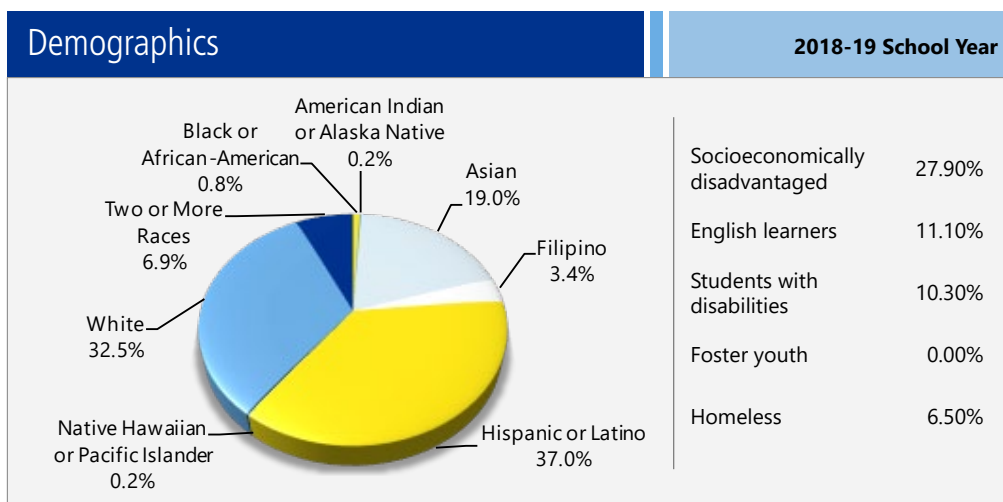
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Principal's Message

Sierra Vista is a second home to a number of the families in our well-connected Placentia community. Many parents of current students attended Sierra Vista themselves and have returned to raise their children in the well-balanced, wholesome, service-oriented environment that continues today. The dedicated and highly qualified teachers and staff maintain a strong academic and safe social-emotional environment. Parents and teachers collaborate to bring the very best education to each student at Sierra Vista. Our school motto, "SOAR to Success," reminds students to: "**S**tay safe, **O**wn your own behavior, **A**ccept responsibility, and **R**espect people and property." Student expectations are taught and continually reinforced through our school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system. Students are encouraged to model kind words and actions toward their peers throughout the campus as part of our kindness initiative, #choosekindness. As partners with California State University, Fullerton and other surrounding universities, as well as the Department of Education, many teacher candidates visit our campus where they learn and support best practices in our technology-based classrooms. Our cheerful secretary and our efficient clerk, both of whom have been recognized as Employee of the Year for PYLUSD, greet all Sierra Vista visitors. It is truly an honor and a privilege to be associated with this fine institution.

Enrollment by Student Group

The total enrollment at the school was 505 students for the 2018-19 school year. The pie chart displays the percentage of students enrolled in each group.

Demographics — 2018-19 School Year

	2018-19 School Year
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	27.90%
English learners	11.10%
Students with disabilities	10.30%
Foster youth	0.00%
Homeless	6.50%

American Indian or Alaska Native 0.2%
Asian 19.0%
Filipino 3.4%
Hispanic or Latino 37.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0.2%
White 32.5%
Two or More Races 6.9%
Black or African-American 0.8%

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Core Values

What We Stand For and Represent

Excellence

We relentlessly pursue excellence in all academic and organizational endeavors.

Collaboration

We actively seek opportunities to serve and work together with all members of our school community to ensure student success.

Integrity

We foster relationships that promote respect, responsibility and honesty to ensure the wellbeing of all.

Innovation

We create a culture that celebrates ingenuity, promotes adaptability and inspires intellectual exploration.

School Accountability Report Card

In accordance with state and federal requirements, the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is put forth annually by all public schools as a tool for parents and interested parties to stay informed of the school's progress, test scores and achievements.

Enrollment by Grade

The bar graph displays the total number of students enrolled in each grade for the 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Enrollment by Grade

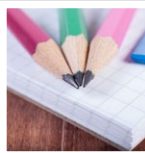| Grade	Students
K	97
1	66
2	68
3	57
4	69
5	81
6	67
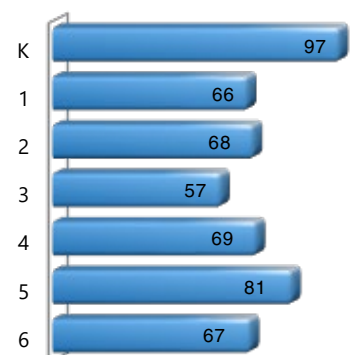
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Suspensions and Expulsions

This table shows the school, district, and state suspension and expulsion rates for the most recent three-year period. Note: Students are only counted one time, regardless of the number of suspensions.
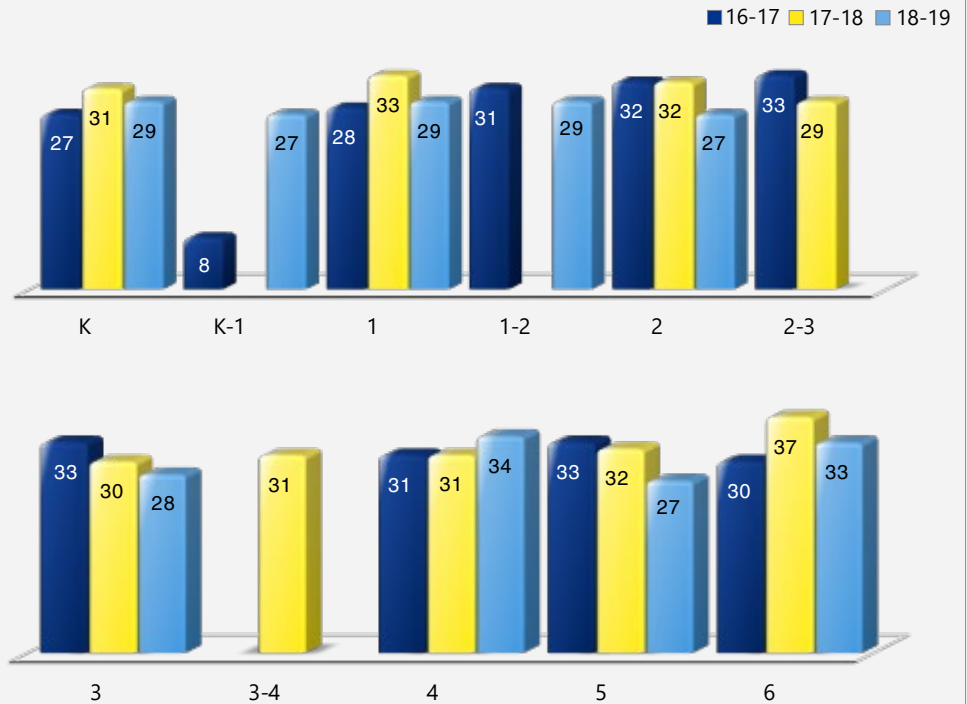
Suspension and Expulsion Rates

Sierra Vista ES			
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspension rates	1.7%	1.3%	0.6%
Expulsion rates	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

PYLUSD			
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspension rates	2.6%	2.8%	2.0%
Expulsion rates	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

California			
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspension rates	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%
Expulsion rates	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

Class Size Distribution

The bar graphs display the three-year data for average class size, and the table displays the three-year data for the number of classrooms by size. The number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Average Class Size — Three-Year Data

Legend: 16-17, 17-18, 18-19

Grade	16-17	17-18	18-19
K	27	31	29
K-1			8
1	27	28	33
1-2			29
2	31	29	32
	32	27	
2-3		33	29
3	33	30	28
3-4		31	
4	31	31	34
5	33	32	27
6	30	37	33

Number of Classrooms by Size — Three-Year Data

Grade	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19		
	Number of Students								
	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+
K		2			2			2	
K-1		1						1	
1		1			2			1	
1-2		1						1	
2		1		1	1			2	
2-3		1							
3		2			2			2	
3-4					1				
4		2			2				2
5		2			2			3	
6		2				2		1	1

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students (grades 5, 8 and high school)

The California Science Test (CAST) was administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. However, these data are not available for inclusion in the 2018-19 SARC posting due February 1, 2020. These data will be included in the 2019-20 SARC posting due February 1, 2021.

Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					Two-Year Data	
	Sierra Vista ES		PYLUSD		California	
Subject	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
Science	✧	✧	✧	✧	✧	✧

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students (grades 3-8 and 11)

The table below shows the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					Two-Year Data	
	Sierra Vista ES		PYLUSD		California	
Subject	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
English language arts/literacy	74%	76%	68%	68%	50%	51%
Mathematics	72%	73%	59%	59%	38%	40%

California Physical Fitness Test

Each spring, all students in grades 5, 7 and 9 are required to participate in the California Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The Fitnessgram is the designated PFT for students in California public schools put forth by the State Board of Education. The PFT measures six key fitness areas:

1. Aerobic Capacity
2. Body Composition
3. Flexibility
4. Abdominal Strength and Endurance
5. Upper Body Strength and Endurance
6. Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility

Encouraging and assisting students in establishing lifelong habits of regular physical activity is the primary goal of the Fitnessgram. The table shows the percentage of students meeting the fitness standards of being in the "healthy fitness zone" for the most recent testing period. For more detailed information on the California PFT, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf.

| California Physical Fitness Test	2018-19 School Year
Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards	Sierra Vista ES
	Grade 5
Four of six standards	14.7%
Five of six standards	28.0%
Six of six standards	54.7%

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

For the 2018-19 school year, the CAASPP consists of several key components, including:

California Alternate Assessments (CAA) test includes both ELA/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. The CAA is given to those students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose current individualized education program (IEP) designates an alternate assessment.

Smarter Balanced Assessments include ELA/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. Smarter Balanced Assessments are designed to measure student progress toward college and career readiness.

The assessments under CAASPP show how well students are doing in relation to the state-adopted content standards. On each of these assessments, student aggregate scores are reported as achievement standards. For more information on the CAASPP assessments, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca.
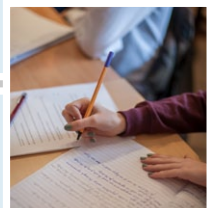
CAASPP by Student Group: English Language Arts and Mathematics

The table on the following page displays the percentage of students that met or exceeded state standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics for the school by student groups for grades 3-6.

The "percentage met or exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard on the CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not. However, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

✧ Not applicable.

CAASPP Results by Student Group: English Language Arts (grades 3-6)

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards				2018-19 School Year

English Language Arts

Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percentage Tested	Percentage Not Tested	Percentage Met or Exceeded
All students	270	263	97.41%	2.59%	76.43%
Male	142	139	97.89%	2.11%	75.54%
Female	128	124	96.88%	3.12%	77.42%
Black or African-American	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Asian	56	55	98.21%	1.79%	92.73%
Filipino	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Hispanic or Latino	106	103	97.17%	2.83%	57.28%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
White	83	82	98.80%	1.20%	85.37%
Two or more races	15	15	100.00%	0.00%	93.33%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	88	86	97.73%	2.27%	58.14%
English learners	46	45	97.83%	2.17%	66.67%
Students with disabilities	42	40	95.24%	4.76%	37.50%
Students receiving Migrant Education services	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Foster Youth	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Homeless	21	20	95.24%	4.76%	55.00%

❖ Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or fewer, either because the number of students tested in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.
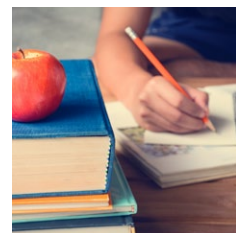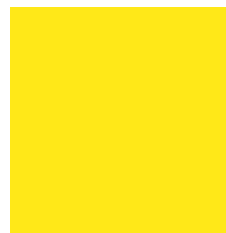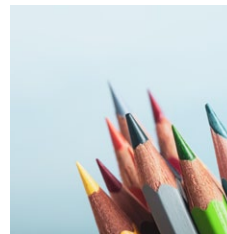
CAASPP Results by Student Group: Mathematics (grades 3-6)

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					2018-19 School Year
Mathematics					
Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percentage Tested	Percentage Not Tested	Percentage Met or Exceeded
All students	270	265	98.15%	1.85%	72.83%
Male	142	140	98.59%	1.41%	73.57%
Female	128	125	97.66%	2.34%	72.00%
Black or African-American	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Asian	56	55	98.21%	1.79%	96.36%
Filipino	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Hispanic or Latino	106	105	99.06%	0.94%	49.52%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
White	83	82	98.80%	1.20%	82.93%
Two or more races	15	15	100.00%	0.00%	93.33%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	88	88	100.00%	0.00%	48.86%
English learners	46	46	100.00%	0.00%	67.39%
Students with disabilities	42	41	97.62%	2.38%	41.46%
Students receiving Migrant Education services	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Foster Youth	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Homeless	21	21	100.00%	0.00%	42.86%

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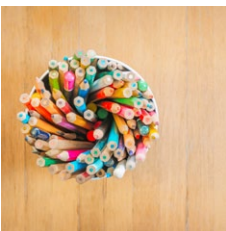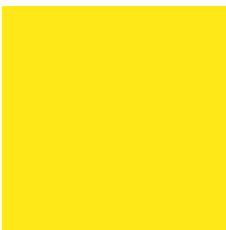
Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The following lists the percentage of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials.

Percentage of Students Lacking Materials by Subject	
2019-20 School Year	
Reading/language arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History/social science	0%
Visual and performing arts	0%
Foreign language	0%
Health	0%

Currency of Textbooks

This table displays the date when the most recent hearing was held to adopt a resolution on the sufficiency of instructional materials.

Currency of Textbooks	
2019-20 School Year	
Data collection date	9/10/2019

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The deputy superintendent shall appoint a principal or other administrator to chair the districtwide textbook-selection process. A Steering Committee shall be selected and consist of one certificated staff member from each elementary school or at least one teacher from each school from the subject-area department for which adoption is pending (secondary). Appointments to the committee will be based on professional expertise, desire to serve insofar as possible, and the demographic diversity of the district. The Steering Committee shall review materials submitted on state-authorized lists and any other materials that may be considered for adoption. If pilot usage is to be pursued, the Steering Committee shall select the material to be piloted. With or without piloting, the Steering Committee will recommend adoption to the District Curriculum Council, which shall make an adoption recommendation to the deputy superintendent. The deputy superintendent is responsible for preparing recommendations for the Board of Education.

The most recent public hearing to adopt a resolution on the sufficiency of instructional materials was held in September 2019. English language arts (ELA) and English language development (ELD) textbooks were adopted in the spring of 2017 and were chosen from the state-approved list. Textbook content aligns within the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The California State Science Framework and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) were adopted in 2016. NGSS aligned science textbooks became available for preview in the spring of 2018. The Science Steering Committee recommended two K-5 publications two 6-8 publications for a pilot during the 2019-20 school year. The District Curriculum Council may recommended textbooks for adoption in the spring of 2020. If adopted, implementation of the NGSS aligned materials will begin in 2020-21.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials List		2019-20 School Year
Subject	**Textbook**	**Adopted**
English language arts	Benchmark Advance, Benchmark Education Company (K-5)	2017
English language arts	*Reading,* Houghton Mifflin (K-5)	2003
English language arts	*Medallions,* Houghton Mifflin (upgrade)	2003
English language arts	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt California Collections, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (6)	2017
English language arts	Language Circle Series, Project Read Phonology	2003
English language arts	*Written Expression*	2003
Mathematics	*California Math,* Houghton Mifflin (K-5)	2009
Mathematics	*Mathematics, Course 1;* Prentice Hall (6)	2009
Science	Full Option Science System (FOSS), California Edition; Delta Education (K-5)	2008
Science	*Focus on Earth Science,* California Edition; Glencoe (6)	2007
History/social science	*History-Social Science for California,* Scott Foresman (K-5)	2007
History/social science	*Discovering Our Past: Ancient Civilizations,* Glencoe (6)	2006

Quality of Textbooks

The following table outlines the criteria required for choosing textbooks and instructional materials.

Quality of Textbooks	2019-20 School Year
Criteria	**Yes/No**
Are the textbooks adopted from the most recent state-approved or local governing-board-approved list?	Yes
Are the textbooks consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education?	Yes
Do all students, including English learners, have access to their own textbooks and instructional materials to use in class and to take home?	Yes

School Facility Good Repair Status

The table shows the results of the school's most recent inspection using the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or equivalent school form. This inspection determines the school facility's good repair status using ratings of good condition, fair condition or poor condition. The overall summary of facility conditions uses ratings of exemplary, good, fair or poor.

School Facility Good Repair Status	2019-20 School Year
Items Inspected	**Repair Status**
Systems: Gas leaks, sewer, mechanical systems (heating, ventilation and HVAC)	Good
Interior: Interior surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls and window casings)	Good
Cleanliness: Pest/vermin control, overall cleanliness	Good
Electrical: Electrical systems	Good
Restrooms/fountains: Restrooms, sinks and drinking fountains	Good
Safety: Fire safety, emergency systems, hazardous materials	Good
Structural: Structural condition, roofs	Good
External: Windows/doors/gates/fences, playgrounds/school grounds	Good
Overall summary of facility conditions	Good
Date of the most recent school site inspection	4/11/2019
Date of the most recent completion of the inspection form	4/11/2019

School Facilities

Education is a top priority in the community of Placentia-Yorba Linda, and maintaining a safe and orderly environment maximizes student learning. Facilities are maintained through the diligent efforts of the site custodial crews and the district maintenance staff. PYLUSD principals and the custodial supervisor work with the site custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to maintain clean and safe schools. District maintenance staff performs the repairs necessary to keep the schools in good working order in a timely manner. A work-order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Sierra Vista opened its doors to students in September 1964 so we celebrate 55 years of SOARing Eagle Excellence. The facility consists of an administration building, a multipurpose room and kitchen, a teachers' lounge and workroom, psychologist and speech therapist offices, 17 permanent classrooms, and three portable classrooms.

The media center consists of a beautiful library and an up-to-date computer lab with 40 desktop computers. The child-care facility on campus includes two portable classroom buildings. The multipurpose room is the site of school assemblies and evening PTA-sponsored family events.

The grounds are well-maintained by our two custodians. The school provides a sheltered eating area for students, two large playgrounds with basketball, handball, tetherball and jump rope areas on the blacktop for our 1-6 grade students, and a separate playground for kindergarten. Modern playground equipment includes swings, slides, and bars and climbing structures—one on each of the three playgrounds. The expansive fields provide four baseball/kickball backstops and a large soccer area. Community groups such as Junior United Soccer Association (JUSA) and YMCA utilize our fields for their athletic teams.

Students have comfortable space to learn and grow while at school. The campus is clean and well maintained. Students are supervised from the moment they enter campus, lining up at the front gate before school begins. The campus is locked, and all students are accounted for first thing every morning.

Teachers supervise their students well and follow our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. Our students want to SOAR like Eagles throughout their day. Teachers rotate duty during recess and after school to ensure student safety. Capable, trained noon supervisors are hired to manage students during lunchtime. Parents and students run an orderly and efficient valet drop-off and pickup program in front of the school each morning and afternoon. A parent or guardian walks their kindergarten student to the gate to where the teacher meets them, and then walks with them to class.

The principal is involved in the disciplinary processes of all students, rewarding good behavior or counseling students who require guidance and/or reteaching of expected behaviors. Students also have an Outreach Concern counselor available to talk with about any social or emotional needs they may be experiencing. The PTA has offered information to parents regarding homework, good physical health and fitness as well as mental health resources. The staff focuses on positive instruction of expectations, rewarding appropriate actions and engaging all students in the learning process for every subject. The number of discipline detentions issued has reduced each year for the past five years.

Deficiencies and Repairs

For all items inspected that were found to not be in "good repair", a work order has been created and maintenance will be completed before the end of the 2019-20 school year. Maintenance items will be prioritized so that student safety is not compromised.

Types of Services Funded

District categorical funds fund our Gifted and Talented Educated (GATE) cluster program.

Public Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available at a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

School Description

Sierra Vista Elementary School, home of the Eagles, is located in Placentia, California, and is designated as a California Distinguished School in recognition of its program excellence and high student achievement. There are approximately 540 students enrolled in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade in this supportive and caring neighborhood school. The staff has created an inclusive environment, where the needs of all students are addressed through continuous monitoring and evaluation. Students are provided a comprehensive, challenging, standards-aligned curriculum, which includes reading, language arts, mathematics, history/social science, science, visual and performing arts, physical education, and health. A computer lab, computer clusters in classrooms and pods, 11 mobile Chromebook carts and a library-media center offer additional opportunities for our students in a technologically rich setting.

The Sierra Vista staff consists of 45 full- or part-time staff members who support the continuum of educational programs available to all students. The staff includes 18 regular education teachers, a full time resource specialist, and a number of part-time specialists, including a physical education teacher, speech and language specialist, English language development teacher, advanced math teacher, and three music teachers. Each of these individuals are dedicated to providing our students powerful teaching that is designed to assist all children in achieving their highest potential. Support staff consists of the principal, school psychologist, a dedicated office team, special education and computer aides, a library-media clerk, food-service personnel, and the custodial team who work with the teaching team to ensure all students experience a dynamic learning environment.

Art education has been enhanced through teacher training and demonstration lessons in each classroom by dedicated parent volunteers known as Art Docents. College readiness is a focus at Sierra Vista. Students have the opportunity to interact with college students as role models who help them gain a vision of the benefits of advanced education. Students and teachers have a college or university focus in their classroom and dress in college attire one day a week. In addition, we continue to participate in our #choosekindness campaign. Each Monday, staff and students wear their "Choose Kindness" shirts as a reminder to be kind to one another.

Parental Involvement

Sierra Vista is recognized as a central hub for the community we serve. We are proud of the fact that leadership is shared by the principal, leadership team, School Site Council (SSC), Parent Teacher Association (PTA), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) and staff. Volunteerism is one of the hallmarks of our school and an essential factor in the success of our students. Parents, as partners in education, are a key factor in our students' achievement. A variety of forums for participation and involvement and ongoing two-way communication contribute to our strong home and school partnership.

The School Site Council is an advisory group that discusses curriculum and monitors the implementation of the school plan. The council has five voting parents and five staff members, and meetings are open to all parents and staff. The SSC annually reviews and revises the school plan in light of assessment results and budget and makes recommendations regarding directions of improvement for the future. Additionally, the SSC serves as a conduit for information between the school, parents and Superintendent's Community Advisory Council (SCAC). The ELAC consists of parents of English learners and school staff, and an ELAC member serves as the liaison between the school and the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). Each of these advisory groups meets formally on at least a quarterly basis.

The PTA offers numerous avenues for parent involvement, which range from a few hours a year to daily participation in classrooms and programs. Parents are invited to serve in capacities such as programs and assemblies, field trips, Yearbook, Fall Fundraiser, Reflections, Art Docent Program, Red Ribbon Week, Reading Program, book fairs, staff appreciation, hospitality, school carnival and classroom volunteers. Our PTA also sponsors an annual schoolwide play, which has involved many parents and hundreds of volunteer hours. The school website along with the principal's ParentLink messages provide our community with information about school- and PTA-sponsored events and programs.

The PTA and school jointly host the kindergarten and New Parent Teas as well as New Family Tours to familiarize parents with ways to get involved and help support their child's education. Sign-up sheets also go home at the beginning of the year with a description of each committee and volunteer position, providing parents another way to participate in school activities. Volunteers are checked in at the school office through our School Access Management (SAM) system and wear ID badges while on campus. Orientations for the library, computer lab, workroom and classroom volunteers are scheduled each September. Every day, parents join in the learning process at Sierra Vista by assisting teachers with small group instruction, tutoring, materials preparation and/or supervising student activities. Throughout the year, parents and community members interested in volunteering may call the school office and will be provided the information they need to contact the individuals who are organizing the program or event. For more information on how to become involved at the school, please contact the PTA President Coree Del Georgio at coreepta@att.net.

School Safety

Special care is taken to ensure student safety at all times. Each year, members of the School's Safety and Emergency Preparedness committee review and update a comprehensive Safe Schools Action Plan. This comprehensive safety plan consists of two components:

1. School's Physical Environment: to ensure that all students and staff members are provided with a safe, clean and secure school environment.
2. School's Social Environment: to further develop an organizational structure that creates a consistent, safe, proactive and positive climate on our school campus.

Sierra Vista's facility is well-maintained and in good repair. Our plant coordinator inspects regularly and works diligently to keep the campus clean, secure, beautiful and functioning properly.

Monthly fire drills are conducted as well as trimesterly earthquake and disaster drills. Additionally, to prepare students and staff for unusual emergency occurrences, lockdown drills and/or emergency evacuation drills are held at least twice annually. The drills help to increase everyone's readiness for handling emergency situations. CPR and first-aid training are provided through district coordination, further equipping staff in the event of an emergency. Safety is the combined responsibility of students, staff, parents, district personnel and local agencies. The surrounding community can report concerns directly to the school office during the day. Furthermore, a 24-hour emergency phone number is posted on the school windows to report safety issues beyond school hours. Other activities that promote school safety include: safety assemblies, bullying-prevention assemblies and a student-mentor program. Additionally, school personnel and parent volunteers supervise the parking lot, playground and campus areas before and after school, as well as during recess and lunch.

In order to maintain assurances that the school is a safe environment, an Emergency Disaster Plan has been developed in cooperation with the district and local law-enforcement agencies.

The school safety plan was last reviewed, updated and discussed with the school faculty in October 2019.

"Students are encouraged to model kind words and actions toward their peers throughout the campus as part of our kindness initiative, #choosekindness."

Professional Development

2017-18

PYLUSD facilitates professional development in ways that impact all teachers. In late August, prior to the return of students, all PYLUSD teachers participated in a half-day of professional development. The primary focus of training for K-6 teachers and middle school English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) teachers was to provide an overview of the district's new universal screener, iReady. Teachers learned about the overall iReady program, specifically how to administer assessments and interpret student, class, and school level reports. PYLUSD also provided content specific professional development training to all middle and high school teachers on curriculum transitions in specific content areas and in Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

A wide variety of professional development opportunities for individuals, small groups, as well as large groups are made available throughout the school year. For 2017-2018, specific professional development emphasis has been placed on recently adopted ELA/ELD adopted materials. Other areas of focus include integrated and designated ELD, transitioning toward Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), Universal Design for Learning (UDL), writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading (WICOR), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Strategies, technology, including the annual Google Summit, and districtwide initiatives, such as Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), Extending Children's Mathematics (ECM), FOSS Science (with embedded literacy strategies and science and engineering practices), Step up to Writing, Project Read, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). These trainings are provided in the form of all-day trainings, half-day trainings, Professional Learning Communities (PLC) modules, and on-site coaching opportunities.

PYLUSD's district wide Induction program provides numerous professional development opportunities and supports for new general and special education teachers and their advisors. Elementary teachers also receive ongoing professional development at the site throughout the school year during early release Wednesdays. At the middle and high school levels, professional development takes place on designated "late-start" Mondays. Both of these models allow teachers the time necessary for collaboration by grade level and department. Educational Services also ensures the ongoing training of teachers in the International Baccalaureate Program and AVID Institutes.

2018-19

PYLUSD facilitates professional development in a variety of innovative ways to positively impact classroom instruction. In late August, prior to the return of students, all K-12 teachers participated in a half-day of professional development with Dr. Kate Kinsella. The primary focus of training was academic vocabulary for all students, as well as five specific Instructional Routines (5 for All) to support students in the acquisition of academic vocabulary and increased academic achievement across all subject areas. Teachers continue to receive training on 5 for All through onsite professional development, Instructional Routine modules and classroom observations.

Many professional development opportunities for individuals, small groups, as well as large groups are made available throughout the school year. For 2018-19, specific professional development emphasis has been placed on the adopted ELA/ELD materials Benchmark Advance (K-5), Collections (6-8) and Study Sync (9-12). Other areas of focus include integrated and designated ELD, transitioning toward NGSS, UDL, WICOR (AVID Strategies) and technology, including You Cube hybrid PD and the annual Google Summit provided by the EdTech Team that integrates educational technology into instruction. Districtwide training on initiatives such as CGI, ECM, FOSS Science (with embedded literacy strategies and science and engineering practices), Step up to Writing, Project Read, Student Study Team (SST) and PBIS are also provided to teachers. In addition to content specific professional development, Educational Services supports the training of teachers on PLCs and working in collaborative teams, the International Baccalaureate Program and AVID. Professional development opportunities are provided in the form of all-day trainings, half-day trainings, collaborative team meetings and on-site coaching.

PYLUSD's districtwide induction program provides numerous professional development opportunities and supports for new general and special education teachers and their mentors. Elementary teachers also receive ongoing professional development at the site throughout the school year during early release Wednesdays. At the middle and high school levels, professional development takes place on designated "late-start" Mondays. Both of these models allow teachers the time necessary for collaborative team meetings by grade level and department.

2019-2020

PYLUSD provides a variety of professional development opportunities for teachers throughout the year. In August, before the school year began, all K-12 teachers participated in a half-day of professional development. K-5 teachers learned about the tenants of Love & Logic for classroom management from Dr. Charles Faye of the Love & Logic Institute. Following this, they participated in grade-level breakout groups to examine the California Common Core Standards in math and discuss which math standards should comprise Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) for PYLUSD students at each grade level. 6-12 grade teachers also learned about Love & Logic student management principles from Dr. Charles Faye. Following this, they broke out into subject-specific workshops of their choosing. These workshops covered a variety of topics, including NGSS instruction, useful classroom technology tools, water safety, mindfulness techniques, and utilizing WICOR strategies to improve student learning.

A wide variety of professional development opportunities for individuals, small groups and large groups are made available throughout the school year.

School Description

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The school provides additional educational opportunities for our students with Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) instruction; English language acquisition support; after-school student clubs; community-based scouting; and youth sports and extracurricular activities, including a school musical production. Extended-day child care is also available on-site.

A strong sense of community pride is clearly evident in our school among the staff, parents and students. Sierra Vista's PTA enthusiastically supports the school by providing many enrichment opportunities for students and parents. Volunteerism is a tradition at Sierra Vista; and volunteers are seen each day of the school year reinforcing student learning and assisting in classrooms. The PTA, School Site Council and ELAC take active roles in planning and advising staff regarding school programs and unselfishly support the students and staff with their talents, time and money. Great Leaders Every Day in Every Way (GLEE), Ecolutions Club, and Bookmark Bandits offer students an opportunity for leadership and promote their involvement in the greater community. The clubs engage in service projects, such as the annual toy drive, new sock drive and food drives for specially identified community needs, and support recycling, gardening and school-beautification projects. The student clubs also promote the use of technology and encourage literacy, leadership and good health. We believe all students can learn and have great potential for future success.

School Motto

Stay safe

Own your own behavior

Accept responsibility

Respect people and places

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff

This table displays information about academic counselors and support staff at the school and their full-time equivalent (FTE).

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff Data	
2018-19 School Year	
	Ratio
Academic counselors	✧
Support Staff	**FTE**
Counselor (academic, social/behavioral or career development)	0.00
Library media teacher (librarian)	0.00
Library media services staff (paraprofessional)	0.49
Psychologist	0.20
Social worker	0.00
Nurse	1.00
Speech/language/hearing specialist	0.80
Resource specialist (nonteaching)	0.00
✧ Not applicable.	

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For 2019-20, while we continue to provide training in the adopted ELA/ELD materials, Benchmark Advance (K-5), Collections (6-8) and StudySync (9-12). Specific professional development emphasis has been placed on math, science and writing instruction. All 4th grade through Algebra math teachers have received two full days of instruction on mindset, meaningful classroom activities, and the use of interim assessments to guide instruction from consultant Carl Veater, Director of the San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project. In science, district teachers on special assignment (TOSAs) are training all K-5 teachers and 6-8 teachers of science in NGSS practices, with specific training in Toolkit for Instructional Materials Evaluation and Ambitious Science Teaching for members of the materials adoption steering committee. Meanwhile, the 14-member 9-12 Science Leadership Team is working on incorporating NGSS into existing high school science courses ahead of adopting new instructional materials for high school. Additionally, PYLUSD is fortunate to have Dr. Kate Kinsella conducting three day writing workshops for all 3-12 grade ELA teachers, and consulting on designated ELD instruction as well as 5 for All Essential Routines for integrated ELD K-12 instruction. Other areas of focus continue to be UDL, WICOR (AVID Strategies), CGI, ECM, and the annual Google Summit that helps teachers learn to integrate educational technology into instruction. In addition to content-specific professional development, educational services supports the training of teachers on PLCs, SST, PBIS, the International Baccalaureate Program, and AVID. Professional development opportunities are provided in the form of all-day trainings, half-day trainings, collaborative team meetings, after school workshops and on-site coaching.

PYLUSD's districtwide induction program provides numerous professional development opportunities and supports for new general and special education teachers and their mentors. All teachers also receive ongoing professional development at the site throughout the school year during early release Wednesdays or late-start Mondays. These days allow teachers the time necessary for collaborative team meetings by grade level and department.

Professional Development Days	Three-Year Data		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20**
Number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement	0.5 days	0.5 days	0.5 days

Teacher Qualifications

This table shows information about teacher credentials and teacher qualifications. Teachers without a full credential include teachers with district and university internships, pre-internships, emergency or other permits, and waivers. For more information on teacher credentials, visit www.ctc.ca.gov.

Teacher Credential Information		Three-Year Data		
	PYLUSD	**Sierra Vista ES**		
Teachers	**19-20**	**17-18**	**18-19**	**19-20**
With a full credential	1,077	19	19	19
Without a full credential	9	0	0	0
Teaching outside subject area of competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Please note that total teacher misassignments includes the number of teacher misassignments of English learners.

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions	Three-Year Data		
	Sierra Vista ES		
Teachers	**17-18**	**18-19**	**19-20**
Teacher misassignments of English learners	0	0	0
Total teacher misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant teacher positions	0	0	0

Financial Data

The financial data displayed in this SARC is from the 2017-18 fiscal year. The most current fiscal information available provided by the state is always two years behind the current school year and one year behind most other data included in this report. For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the California Department of Education (CDE) Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data website at www.ed-data.org.

District Financial Data

This table displays district teacher and administrative salary information and compares the figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Note: The district salary data does not include benefits.

Salary Data		2017-18 Fiscal Year
	PYLUSD	Similar Sized District
Beginning teacher salary	$44,630	$48,612
Midrange teacher salary	$82,740	$74,676
Highest teacher salary	$103,802	$99,791
Average elementary school principal salary	$116,469	$125,830
Average middle school principal salary	$118,850	$131,167
Average high school principal salary	$135,949	$144,822
Superintendent salary	$299,970	$275,796
Teacher salaries: percentage of budget	37%	34%
Administrative salaries: percentage of budget	5%	5%

Financial Data Comparison

This table displays the school's per-pupil expenditures from unrestricted sources and the school's average teacher salary and compares it to the district and state data.

Financial Data Comparison		2017-18 Fiscal Year
	Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	Annual Average Teacher Salary
Sierra Vista ES	$5,284	$91,758
PYLUSD	$7,860	$87,995
California	$7,507	$82,403
School and district: percentage difference	-32.8%	+4.3%
School and California: percentage difference	-29.6%	+11.4%

School Financial Data

The following table displays the school's average teacher salary and a breakdown of the school's expenditures per pupil from unrestricted and restricted sources.

School Financial Data	
2017-18 Fiscal Year	
Total expenditures per pupil	$5,791
Expenditures per pupil from restricted sources	$507
Expenditures per pupil from unrestricted sources	$5,284
Annual average teacher salary	$91,758

Expenditures Per Pupil

Supplemental/restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted. Basic/unrestricted expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

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