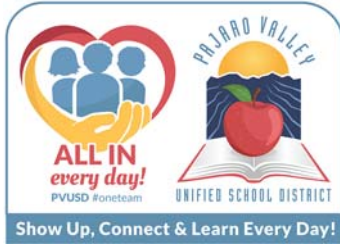


## PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive **contributions to the community and global society.**



### *Press Release*

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### **Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees Welcomes 2019-20 Student Trustee**

Watsonville, CA. October 16, 2019 – At the meeting of October 9, Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) Board of Trustees introduced Stella Renee Sierra as the 2019-20 Student Trustee. Ms. Sierra, an Aptos High School junior, will have the opportunity to represent all students during her one-year post as Trustee. Board President, Karen Osmundson, administered Ms. Sierra Oath of Office as a symbolic gesture to mark the beginning of her term.



As a Student Trustee, Ms. Sierra has the responsibility to collaborate with students from all schools so that she can effectively represent the student voice at meetings. She has the same general responsibilities as other Trustees with an expectation to be a contributing and ethical member of the Board. Ms. Sierra shares a bit about herself and commitment to this opportunity in her statement, “I am honored to be a new member of the PVUSD Board of Trustees.

Currently I am a junior at Aptos High School. I keep myself busy with a rigorous academic schedule, including three AP classes, an honors class and a number of extracurricular activities. I am both a member of Aptos High’s Associated Student Body (ASB) and the Vice President of Bring Change to Mind club designed for teens to bring awareness to mental health. My real passion is dance. I have been dancing competitively since the age of 6 and I currently serve as one of the captain on Aptos High Dance Team. With the very little free time I have, I love spending time with my friends and going to the beach. One of my favorite quotes is “Be silly. Be fun. Be different. Be crazy. Be you, because life is too short to be anything but happy.”

President Osmundson expressed her support stating, “I am proud to lead a Board that values student voice. As a Trustee, Stella will contribute to the conversation on school governance, provide the very important student point of view on agenda items, and be a key contact for her peers and the community.”

The Board of Trustees solidified their commitment to having student voices seated at the dais with the approval of Board Bylaw 9150, Student Trustee, in April 2007. The Bylaw speaks to the benefit of seeking and considering students’ ideas, viewpoints and reactions to educational programs.

Congratulations to Ms. Sierra on her selection as Student Trustee. PVSUD is fortunate to have you representing the student voice at Board of Trustees meetings.

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