

## **DECEMBER 4, 2023**

#### ROB GREGOR, YUBA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Special Education Week - December 4th

Currently, YCOE serves 220 children from preschool through to age 22 with extensive support needs across 22 programs co-located on general education campuses. At the core of each of these programs is a dedicated team of caring professionals made up of special education teachers, paraeducators, speech therapists and speech paraeducators, school psychologists, Board Certified Behavior Analysts, behavior technicians, occupational therapists, adaptive physical education teachers, physical therapists, vision specialists, Deaf and Hard of Hearing specialists, counselors, and principals.

And yes, from this list, you can understand why the language we use has changed from children with moderate to severe disabilities to children with extensive support needs. Words are powerful, and as such have the power to change both how we see ourselves and how others see themselves as well. If we are lucky, each of us will age into disability, each of us will become a loved one with extensive support needs. With the right supports, accommodations, and modifications we will be able to continue to live full and independent lives within a community of love and respect.

Here at YCOE this is what we deliver for each child, and their family, with extensive support needs. Our programs reflect communities of belonging and acceptance because we presume competence. "When we are not sure what students can learn, presume competence, and the ability to learn."

Supporting Inclusive Practices Training October 2022

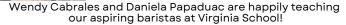
If you would like the opportunity to learn from our children, and be humbled in the process, we invite you to visit our programs and see firsthand what our children CAN do. The supports and strategies our teams use are good for ALL kids. Show me a kid who doesn't need to learn life skills! Ultimately, our goal is one of inclusion, schools where we belong together, can be successful together, because we know, believe and live our YCOE motto of 'Better Together'. Want to learn more? Check out this 5 Minute presentation by Shelley Moore, "The Importance of Presuming Competence"

More can be found at Shelly Moore 5 more minutes the importance of presuming competence - Search Videos (bing.com)









#### DRY PASTA / SPAGHETTI NOODLES

We have about 50 packages of pasta and **350 to go**! If you haven't had a chance to make a donation yet, please consider purchasing some pasta the next time you visit the grocery store. Even one extra bag can make a difference in brightening up a family's Christmas. The final collection day is **Friday, December 8th**, so there is still some time to make a contribution.



# YCOE EVENT CALENDAR

Dec 7 - Rotary Christmas Luncheon for YCOE students in special education, 11:30 AM FIVE30 Event Center

Dec 8 - Winter Wonderland FIVE30 Event Center, 2pm-7pm

Dec 9 - Olivehurst Christmas Parade, 5 PM

Dec 16 - Overdose Awareness Angel Tree Lighting, Yuba County One Stop, 5pm

