

ACE Newsletter: February 2, 2023

Feb 1 Board Meeting: Urgent Need to Invest in Students' Mental Health

On Wednesday, February 1st, the ACE School Psychologists and MHSPs, along with other Clovis educators and community members, attended the school board meeting and provided public comment.

While most of us have received salary increases this year, the Psychologists and MHSPs are still without an agreement. So it was important that the Board had the opportunity to hear the message directly: **there is an urgent need to address the mental health of our students by investing the resources necessary to retain and recruit staff.** We cannot help all of our students if we don't have sufficient staff. Period.

WATCH: [Video of public comments at CUSD Board Meeting](#)

We also provided the media a packet of information about the current wage gap in Clovis for School Psychs, as well as information about the bargaining proposals. [You can access the packet here.](#)

READ: [GV WIRE: "Clovis School Psychologists Tell Board They Are Underpaid, Overworked, Need Help"](#)

We are hopeful that our concerns were heard and we look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with the administration.

MORE INFO:

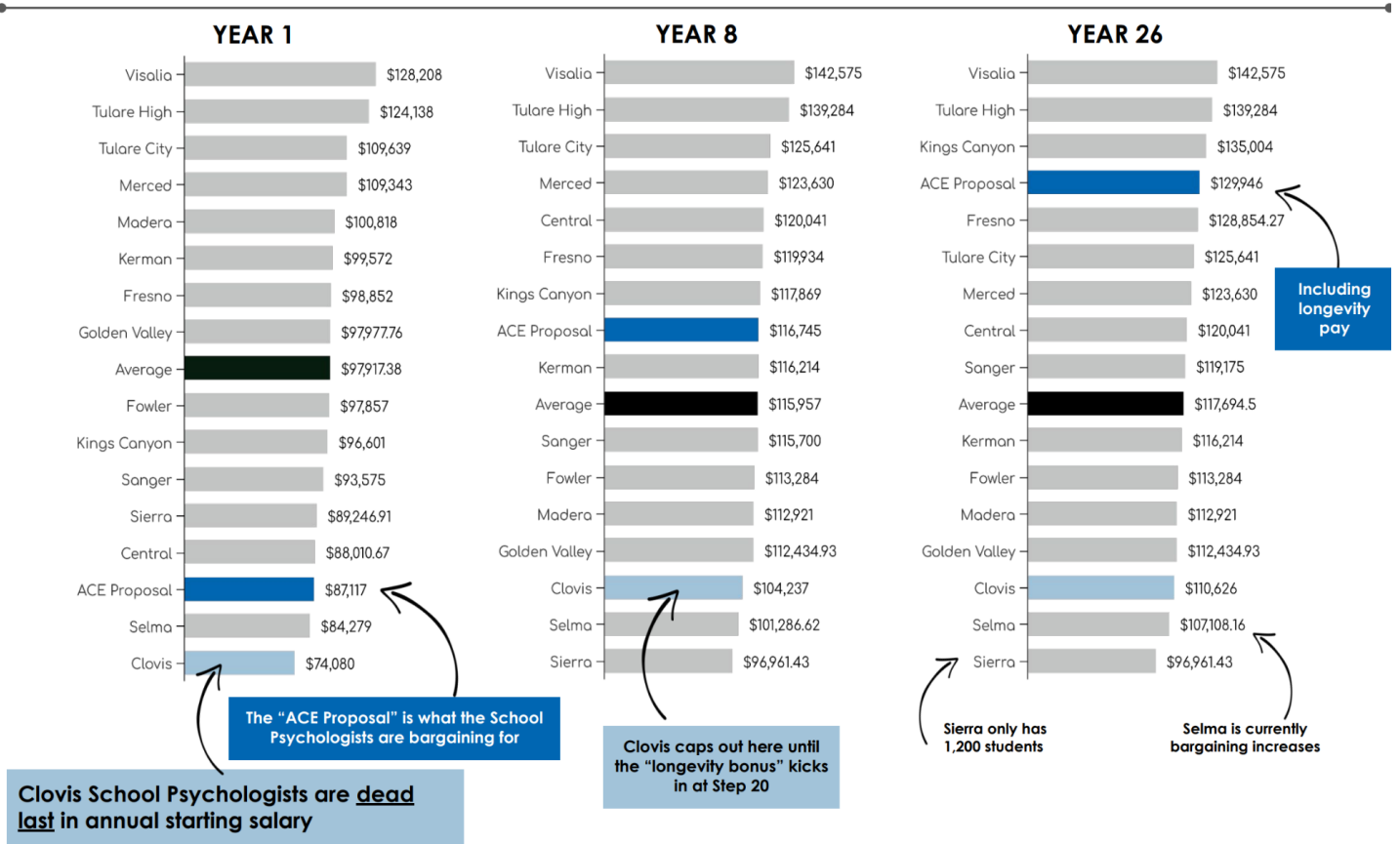
- www.cloviseducators.org/psychologists.html
- [The Urgent Need To Invest In Our Students](#)
- [Clovis School Psychologists - By the Numbers](#)



- [School Psychologists: What Do They Do?](#)
- [How Did We Get Here? Background of ACE School Psychologists & MHSPs Bargaining](#)
- [Bargaining Proposals](#)
- [Spreadsheet of all Salary Adjustments requested by ACE](#)
- [ACE Proposals in Context: Can CUSD Afford It? \(Yes\)](#)



ANNUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST SALARIES IN REGIONAL DISTRICTS




BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."




- Maya Angelou

ACE is proud to celebrate and honor Black History Month. We'll be posting interesting facts, information, and stories throughout the month on social media. To get started, check out this article: [9 Black Californians Who Have Led the Way](#) and the infographic below of Notable Black Americans.



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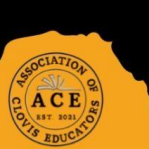



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Black History Month is celebrated across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, among other countries.


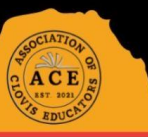

IN THE UNITED STATES, IT'S CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY EVERY YEAR.



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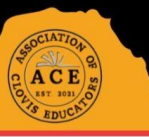

THE PURPOSE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH:
To acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of African Americans, educate people about the history and culture of African Americans, and promote unity and understanding among all people.



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THE ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH can be traced back to 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).



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NOTABLE BLACK AMERICANS



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Civil rights leader and advocate for nonviolent resistance, played a major role in ending segregation.



ROSA PARKS

Civil rights activist who refused to give up her bus seat, sparking the Montgomery bus boycott.



JACKIE ROBINSON

Baseball player, broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball and became a civil rights activist.



MUHAMMAD ALI

Boxing legend and civil rights activist, known for his political and social activism outside the ring.



SIDNEY POITIER

An acclaimed actor and filmmaker, and the first Black Academy Award for Best Actor in 1963.



SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

The first Black woman to be elected to Congress in 1968. National Political Congress of Black Women cofounder.



TONI MORRISON

Writer and Nobel Prize winner, known for works exploring the Black experience and identity.



MAYA ANGELOU

Writer and poet, known for works exploring the Black experience and civil rights movement.



BARACK OBAMA

44th President of the United States, first African American to hold the office and advocate for social justice.



TRAINING

We've had numerous opportunities to learn about topics such as how a union functions and how to understand school finances. We have an upcoming training as well: **RSVP by clicking here: [February 15th Zoom SPED Training on the rights of SPED teachers in advocating for students](#)**

Did You Know?



Educators have a statutorily protected right to help parents/guardians of students with IEPs get services and support.



Want to learn more about your rights?



You're invited to attend:

IEP RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES TRAINING

FEB 15, 4-5 PM, ZOOM



Scan to RSVP

SURVEYS

A core value of ACE is to empower the voices of educators, parents, students, and the community. Only by building consensus around the issues can we work towards solutions.

If you have any questions or ideas, reach out to us at ace@cloviseducators.org. You can also take our surveys on specific topics:

CLASS SIZE SURVEY





SPED SURVEY

FACILITIES SURVEY

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SURVEY

CALENDAR

FEB - MAR 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
		FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH	CUSD Board Meeting			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Psychs MHSPs Bargaining		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	 Lincoln's Birthday	 Valentine's Day	SPED TRAINING 4-5 PM CUSD Board Meeting	Psychs MHSPs Bargaining	Psychs MHSPs Bargaining	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	 President's Day					
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
			CUSD Board Meeting			

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