



WESTERN SIERRA
CHARTER SCHOOLS

MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL CHARTER & GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER
Personalized Learning Public Charter Schools

Fresno Resource Center

NEWSLETTER

Special Edition



**FRESNO RESOURCE CENTER
BECOMING A CHARTER SCHOOL**
*We have exciting news for our Fresno Resource Center
families and staff!*

Our Fresno Resource Center is on track to become its own Charter School beginning in the 2020-2021 school year!



HISTORY OF OUR *Fresno Resource Center*

Mountain Home School and Glacier High School have, since their early days, served families who lived in Fresno County. In 2006, Glacier High School opened a small resource center in Kingsburg to better serve families who were asking for a program like ours. In 2015, Glacier High School closed the Kingsburg center and partnered with Mountain Home School to open a resource center at our current location near Fig Garden. Since then we have seen our program grow and become a wonderful supportive,

robust school community. Three years ago, the board and staff began to explore what our next steps should be with the Fresno Resource Center. On November 12th, WSCS Board (your board), approved our petition to Fresno Unified to charter a new TK-12th grade school with the name Endeavor Charter School. We are excited to remain a part of the Western Sierra Charter Schools but to also become our own school.



WHY DO WE NEED TO BECOME A NEW CHARTER SCHOOL?

There are two main areas of need for our resource center to convert to its own charter school.

1st - It makes sense for us to become our own school. We need to be a Fresno school for the Fresno community. Fresno and our main campus in Oakhurst are 50 miles apart! While we will remain absolutely committed to the same educational philosophy and type of program, we will be able to better serve the needs of our local Fresno families and community as our own school.

2nd - This year Assembly bills 1505 and 1507 were signed by Governor Newsom. These new laws will effectively do away with resource centers like ours. If we don't turn our Fresno resource center into its own school, authorized by Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) then our program will no longer be able to operate after a few years.



Fresno Unified School District

WHY FUSD IS A GOOD CHOICE

- The feedback we have received from families is that families love our location near Fig Garden. We are continuing to look for ways to improve our building and grounds.
- Our school building is in the FUSD boundaries so we are required to charter with FUSD.
- Fresno Unified has a long history of working with a number of excellent charter schools within their boundaries.
- We believe that Fresno Unified School District and their Governing Board are working in a positive direction of supporting students and families both in traditional schools and charter schools.



If FUSD approves the Endeavor Charter school petition, **WHAT WILL THESE CHANGES MEAN TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?**

What will stay the same?

Our current staff, teachers, and location will not change. We will still have the same vision and commitment for both personalized learning for every student and parent leadership in the educational process. The daily program, school processes and services, teacher meetings, and classes will remain the same. We will continue to be governed and managed by Western Sierra Charter Schools and committed to the same vision of parent led education.

What will be changing?

We will now be our own TK-12 charter school. Fresno Unified will be our authorizing district. Our enrollment will no longer be dependant on the programs in Oakhurst. We will have greater local control in developing our Fresno program and partnering with our greater Fresno community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to move forward, we need your help! On February 12, 2020, the Fresno Unified School Board will decide if “Endeavor Charter School” should become its own school.

It is extremely important that they see the support from our Fresno families, students and staff!

There are three opportunities to show your support for our school. It would be amazing if you are able to attend all three! **However, if you are not able to attend all of them, please consider making every effort possible to attend the Public Hearing FUSD Board Meeting on Wednesday January 15, 2019.** Let’s fill the board room with all of our amazing Fresno families that care and support our personalized learning, parent-led public charter school! There really isn’t a school quite like ours!

We will send RSVP Parent Square notifications for each FUSD Board meeting below. If you are

planning on attending any of these meetings please stop by our office and pick up a Glacier or MHS T-Shirt if you do not already have one. Please note we have limited sizes and quantities available.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019	FUSD Board officially receives our Charter
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 <i>This is the most important meeting for you to attend</i>	FUSD Board Public Hearing for our Charter
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	FUSD Board gives Decision for our Charter:

- **Every meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Parking for Board Meetings:**
Address: 2309 Tulare St., Fresno, CA 93721 - the board meeting room is on the second floor, near the elevator. Use the entrance at the corner of M and Tulare.
- **Please Note:** Parking will be available after 5 p.m. at the N Street parking pavilion located on the southeast corner of Tulare & N Streets – Entrance is on “N” street.
- *The City of Fresno will not enforce the street meters in this area after 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



THE MEANING BEHIND THE NAME

en·deav·or

verb

to attempt something by exertion of effort

noun

an attempt to achieve a goal.

The name of our new school “Endeavor Charter School” represents the positive, “can do” spirit which has defined our students, families and staff since our first year of operation. It is the belief and attitude that good comes from hard work, that there is joy in effort, that struggle leads to strength, and that a shared love for learning and for one another binds us together.

The name Endeavor has a rich legacy of exploration, perseverance, and teamwork. The word and history of Endeavor represents not only the very best of what we see in our students but also what we desire them to be and become.

“ENDEAVOR” IN HISTORY

The Last Space Shuttle was Named Endeavour

- The shuttle Endeavour was built as a replacement for the shuttle Challenger.
- Space Shuttle Endeavour was named through a national competition involving students in elementary and secondary schools. Endeavour is the only shuttle to have been named by children.
- The shuttle’s namesake, H.M.S. Endeavour, was commanded by Britain’s James Cook on his epic 18th-century voyage of discovery in the South Pacific (hence the shuttle’s British spelling).
- It helped save the Hubble Space Telescope.
- Endeavour brought the International Space Station into being.
- Endeavour’s second flight, in 1992, broke new ground sociologically. Its crew featured the first African-American woman to fly in space (Mae Jemison), the shuttle’s first Japanese astronaut (Mamoru Mohri) and the first married couple to fly on the same space mission (Mark Lee and Jan Davis).
- Stats:
 - First flight - May 7, 1992 – May 16, 1992

- Last flight - May 16, 2011 – June 1, 2011
- Time spent in space: 299 days, 3 hours, 34 minutes, 2 seconds
- No. of orbits: 4,671
- Distance travelled: 122,883,151 mi (197,761,262 km)

The HMS Endeavour:

- HMS Endeavour was chartered to traverse the South Pacific in 1768 and was captained by the British explorer James Cook.
- Cook’s main objective, was to observe the “Transit of Venus” at Tahiti. This reading enabled astronomers to find the distance of the Sun from the Earth.
- Cook’s achievements on Endeavour were numerous, including include the accurate charting of New Zealand and Australia and successfully navigating the Great Barrier Reef. Thousands of new plant specimens and animal species were observed and illustrated on this maiden voyage.

ENDEAVOR CHARTER Q & A

We will be hosting 2 informational meetings at our Fresno site. If you have questions or would like to know more about our new charter please plan on attending one of the following informational meetings:

Thursday December 5th @ 10am • Tuesday December 10th @ 5:30pm