

## **Press Release**

**From:** Oroville City Elementary School District

**Re:** California Bureau of Children's Justice Investigation

The Oroville City Elementary School District is cooperating with an investigation by California's Bureau of Children's Justice (BCJ), a division of the Department of Justice. The BCJ focuses on enforcement and advocacy efforts in several areas, including foster and homeless youth, inequities in education, school truancy, human trafficking, and childhood trauma.

The BCJ is investigating the District's student discipline policies and practices, including suspensions, expulsions, and alternatives to suspension/expulsion, as well as protections for foster and homeless youth.

The Oroville City Elementary District has implemented a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system at all school sites over the last few school years and continues to implement and improve the system. PBIS is proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. The District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2019-2020 school year will include an additional elementary school counselor and funding for a Social Emotional Learning teacher at the middle schools. The District is also contracting with the Butte County Office of Education to provide a support team to the District for the implementation of Social Emotional Learning, Restorative Practices, and bias awareness trainings within the PBIS structure. The District is highly focused on providing a safe learning environment for all students and look forward to cooperating with this inquiry.

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