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New school year full of changes and building

Students return Aug. 16

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GREENFIELD Greenfield Union School District is expecting an abundance of changes and improvements this coming school year. Mary Chapa Academy School and Apple Avenue and 12th Street properties are moving forward , teachers are coming back, monthly meetings with the superintendent and principals are taking place and lots more.

"On July 1 I submitted my Superintendent goals they're around really creating a seamless K-12 experience for the kids," said Superintendent Kimberly Berman. "Even though we are a K-8 we are going to be partnering and working with the high school district."

Berman and South Monterey County Joint Union High School District Superintendent Daniel Moirao currently have monthly meetings that include meeting with the curriculum team on a regular basis. The Greenfield Union School District is also planning to begin exploring preschool opportunities due to the demand from Greenfield parents.

The other two goals for the Greenfield Union School District are analyzing and evaluating all the processes to create master plans in each department and the second goal is communication with stakeholders like the school board, administration , the teachers and the community.

"One of the goals I set for the admin, with a core group of 15, they send out media releases in this area so that we can really spread the good news about the good things happening in Greenfield ," Berman said.

The teachers of Greenfield Union School District started back to school on Monday with new teacher orientation and then the entire staff will meet on Thursday, Aug. 11. Mary Chapa Academy had a special unveiling Tuesday for its new administration building with a display of what the building will look like. The new administration building is expected to be in operation in August of 2017.

"This one is a library, administration building and it's also going to improve parking," said Berman.

On the student achievement front, Greenfield Union School District is promoting its positive behavior program, PBIS or Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports. The program is a collaboration with the County Office of Education and the Greenfield staff will be in an exploration year.

"We just adopted an amazing support online program for our students," Berman said. "It's going to provide our parents with diagnostic information about their children's math and reading level, K-8 ."

The program is called I-Ready and provides information individually and how the students rate on a national scale.

As the students are getting ready to head back to school on Aug. 16, it's very important that they fill out and return their free lunch applications. The information will be accessible only at the district office and is used to determine how much funding the Greenfield Union School District will receive from the state.