

New district, new decisions

Editor's Corner

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A new era in Mountain Area education is about to begin.

On Monday, the first governing board meeting of the newly formed, yet-to-be-named unified school district is planned for 7 p.m. at the State Center Community College District in Oakhurst.

The board was formed during the November special election when voters passed Measure P to unify the Yosemite Joint Union High School District with the Coarsegold Union District and elected five members from the field of 11 candidates to make up the first governing board.

These five Mountain Area residents will sit down Monday and decide on a variety of important issues, such as:

A name for the district.

A superintendent.

Meeting dates, times and locations.

The election of board officers.

Establishing an operating budget.

These decisions, as simple as they may seem, are crucial to establishing this unified district quickly and making a smooth transition.

We applaud all of this year's board candidates for having the willingness to face the challenges that lie ahead in forming a new district.

Board meetings are open to the public and we encourage parents and members of the community to stay active in the district as much as possible and to keep informed on the latest events and happenings.

A cooperative effort by the public and the district results in a win-win situation for the communities of Oakhurst, Coarsegold and the entire Mountain Area.

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