

## PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society.



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### **Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees Welcomes 2020-21 Student Trustee**

Watsonville, CA. October 23, 2020 – At the meeting of October 14, Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) Board of Trustees introduced Claudia M. Guerrero Chavez as the Student Trustee for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Guerrero, a Pajaro Valley High School senior, will have the opportunity to represent all students during her one-year post as Student Trustee. Board President, Daniel Dodge Jr., will administer Ms. Guerrero’s Oath of Office as a symbolic gesture to mark the beginning of her term at the upcoming meeting of October 28.

As a Student Trustee, Ms. Guerrero has the responsibility to collaborate with students from all schools so that she can effectively represent the student voice at meetings. She has the same general responsibilities as other Trustees with an expectation to be a contributing and ethical member of the Board. Ms. Guerrero shares a bit about herself and commitment to this opportunity in her statement, “As a student trustee my goal is to make sure our voices are being heard and someone is listening. I hope to bring unity between the school communities of our district as well as to represent the aspects of students and families real life situations. We must be the change we wish to see.”



Board President Daniel Dodge, Jr. expressed his support stating, “As a governing Board advocating for students, it is meaningful to hear their voice in our meetings. As a Student Trustee, Claudia will contribute to the conversation on school governance, provide the very important student point of view on agenda items, and be a key contact for her peers and the community. I am proud to lead a Board that we have this opportunity for student involvement at PVUSD”

The Board of Trustees solidified their commitment to having student voices seated at the dais with the approval of Board Bylaw 9150, Student Trustee, in April 2007. The Bylaw speaks to the benefit of seeking and considering students’ ideas, viewpoints and reactions to educational programs.

Congratulations to Ms. Guerrero on her selection as Student Trustee. PVSUD is fortunate to have her commitment and enthusiasm for representing the student voice at Board of Trustees meetings.