

## **Plumas Unified School District (PUSD)**

### **Current Status of Receivership Activities** **September 9, 2025**

- Receivership language incorporated in the Education Omnibus Trailer Bill aligned with the 2025-26 budget ([Assembly Bill \(AB\) 121](#) (Chapter 8/2025), Section 98).
- Emergency apportionment up to \$20M, up to 30 years repayment.
- Interest rate established at 6.411%. No repayments in the first two fiscal years.
- First apportionment of \$8.5M made at the end of August. Should address cash flow through November, and likely June. Based on this apportionment only, the annual repayment will be approximately \$650,000.
- County superintendent is the acting county administrator assigned to PUSD.
- Per AB 121 and statute, FCMAT is tasked with reviewing the oversight of the California Department of Education and issuing a report within 90 days. Fieldwork for the initial review was conducted the week of August 4. The report in process.
- Per AB 121 and statute, FCMAT is tasked with conducting the initial comprehensive review of the PUSD in the five operational areas of pupil achievement, personnel management, facilities management, fiscal management and governance/community relations. Fieldwork began the week of August 11 and will continue through September 5, with a week off for the first week of school August 18-22. Report must be issued within six months (December 27, 2025).
- The new school year began August 20, 2025.
- Recruitment for county administrator:
  - Recruitment opened on July 10, 2025.
  - Application period closed on August 6, 2025.
  - Twenty applications were received. Just under 50% showed considerable strength and qualifications. Five applicants were selected for the first round of interviews. Three applicants were selected for the second round interviews.
  - First round interviews for the five highest ranked applicants were conducted in Plumas on August 25, 2025.
  - Second round interviews for the three finalists were conducted on August 27, 2025.
  - On September 5, 2025, a recommendation was made for consideration of appointment by the concurrence of the county superintendent, the State

Superintendent of Public Instruction, and president of the state board of education or designee.

- The announcement of the selection of Mr. Richard DuVarney as the county administrator for Plumas USD was made on September 8, 2025. Mr. DuVarney will begin his new role in Plumas on October 6, 2025. See: [Announcement: County Administrator selected | Plumas County Office of Education and Plumas Unified School District](#)
- Historical reporting and ongoing updates are available at: <https://www.fcmat.org/plumas>.