



# Bowman High School

## Model School Program

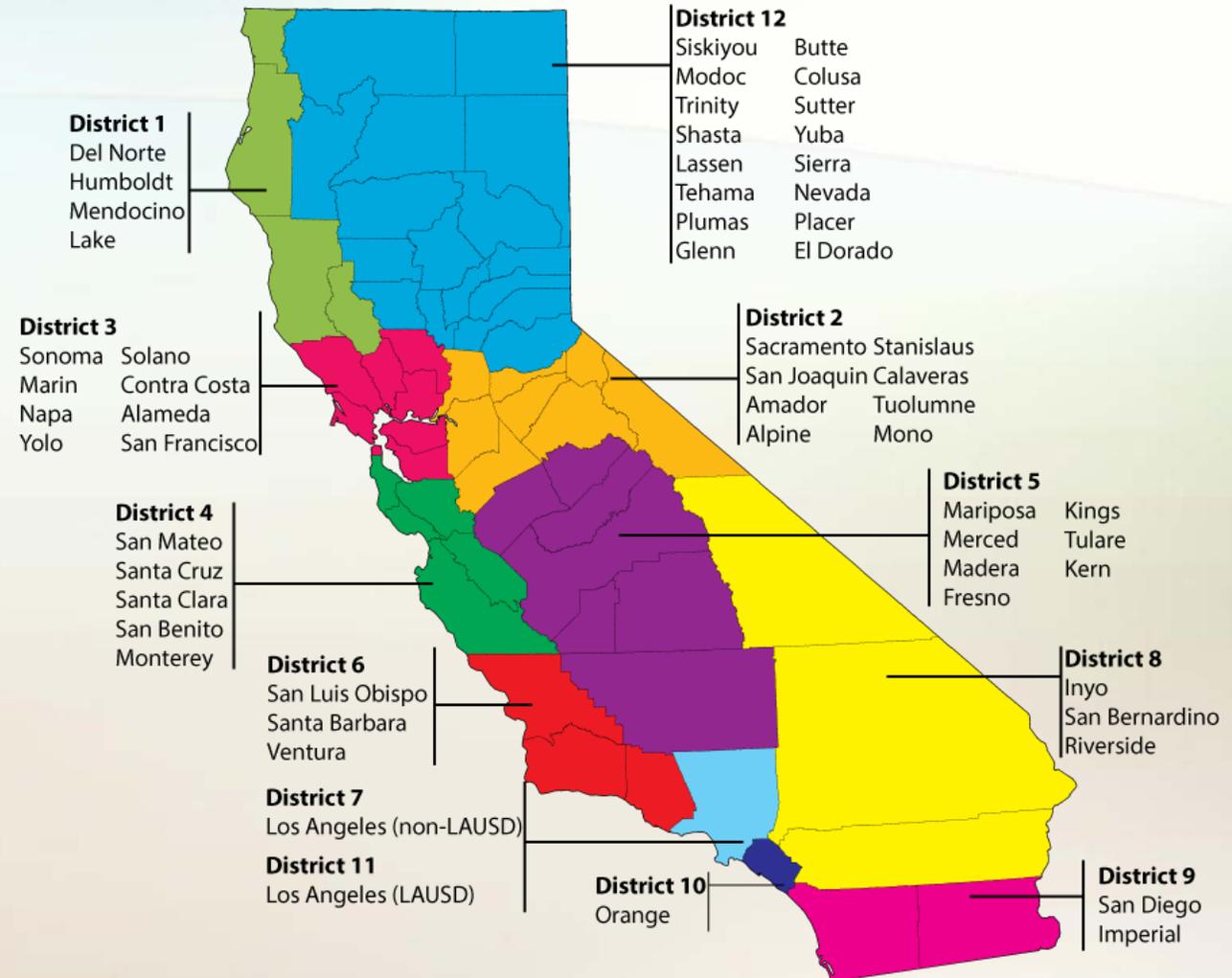
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# Students Attending Continuation High Schools in California

(2014-15)

60,000 students

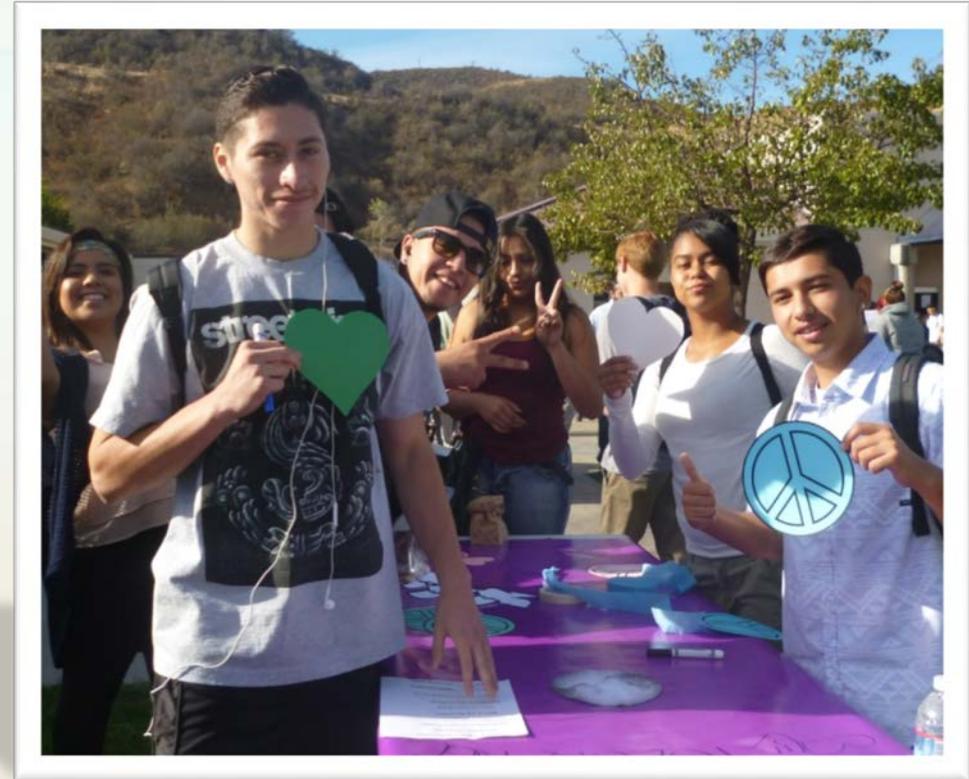
460 continuation high schools



# Meeting the Needs of Students

## **Continuation high schools meet the needs of students:**

- aged 16 years or older
- who have not graduated from high school, are at risk of not graduating
- are not exempt from compulsory school attendance.



# Model Continuation High School (MCHS) Recognition Program

(MCHS) is a partnership between the California Department of Education and the California Continuation Education Association.



# MCHS Recognition Program

- MCHS identifies and recognizes outstanding continuation high schools and creates a resource list for school visits.
- MCHS schools provide comprehensive services to at-risk youth through the use of exemplary instructional strategies, flexible scheduling and guidance and counseling services.



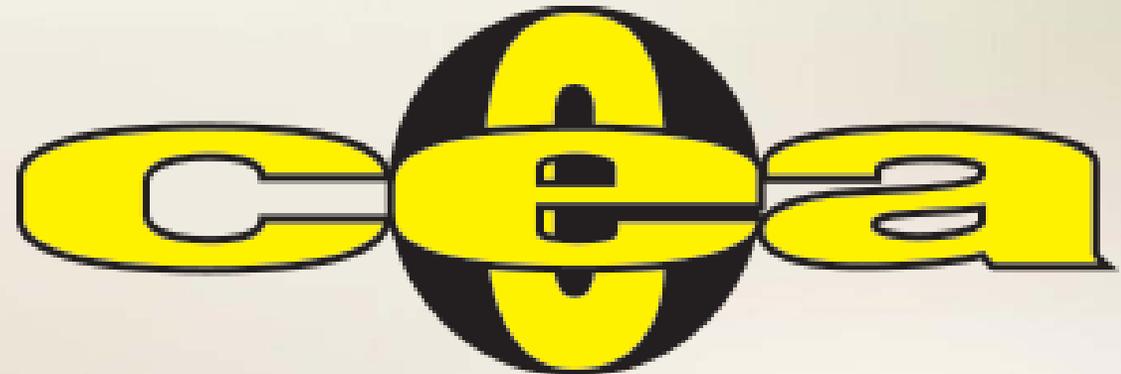
# Application and Site Visits

**The rigorous application and site visit includes:**

- *Three Narrative Statements*
  1. *School Profile*
  2. *School Management*
  3. *The Way Credits are Earned)*
- *Four Program Effectiveness Statements*
  1. *School Evaluation of Effectiveness*
  2. *Student Assessments Results*
  3. *Use of additional Data*
  4. *How Use of Data is Noteworthy)*
- A Staff Statement
- A Student Statement
- A Parent/Guardian Statement
- A Community Member Statement
- 20 Quality Indicators
- An Exemplary Components Checklist
- Proof of WASC Accreditation
- School video

# Bowman Model School Recognition

- Bowman has achieved continuous Model School status since 2001
- As a Model School, Bowman coordinates tours for schools from throughout the state
- As a model school, Bowman will be recognized at the 2017 California Continuation Education Association (CCEA) State Conference in Riverside.



# Bowman Student Achievement

## CAASPP Scores:

- Increase of 23 points for the English CASSPP test
- Increase of 19 points for math (using the average scale)

## Graduation Rates

- 96% graduation rate
- 271 graduates in 2016



# Parent Support and Bowman's Story

## Parent Involvement/Support

Who are getting in trouble are going to. When my son Josh said he wanted to transfer to Bowman in February of 2015, I wasn't in any rush to let him. I suggested that because he only had a few months left to graduate that he imply take care of what needed to be done to make that happen. A month later, he brought it up again. I asked him to gather information about the school knowing the likelihood of him following through was slim and he would just "do what he needed to do where he was" to finish his senior year of high school. Unfortunately, with no months left of his senior year, my son chose to stop attending high school.

What do I know about Bowman High School? I received a call from Bowman High School following up with students who left the district to offer options for completion if needed. The timing was perfect for my son, as he was not successful with his other efforts and was motivated to attend. A simple proactive outbound call from Bowman impacted my family in such a positive way.

What do I know about Bowman High School? They are not just that school that all the kids who get into trouble go to. They are much more than that; a school that has options for kids who might not be fitting into the predetermined guidelines of the standard high schools. Bowman had options and clearly set guidelines to help my son, holding him accountable while showing him that they were committed to his success in obtaining a high school diploma. Devastatingly, Josh died before he was able to complete his remaining credits, but he was close.

What do I know about Bowman High School? They are a school that should be known for their compassion and understanding that some needs might be messy. After losing Josh, the staff made sure we knew about his efforts by highlighting key areas of his work and drawing attention to areas in which he mentioned his family. They made a point to tell us about his character and how he was viewed by the staff and his peers.

What do I know about Bowman High School? They seemed to know my son better than the school he had attended for years prior. They knew my son for one month and were present at his memorial service, and expressed their intent to present a diploma for him because he was so close to finishing.

What do I know about Bowman High School? They are a school that I can trust with my daughter Rayanne. When the larger, traditional high school was no longer the best fit for her, I knew Bowman was. She did not go to Bowman because she was one of those kids who were getting in trouble. Her life happened to get complicated in a way that made Bowman a better option. Its environment of less students, a staff of caring and dedicated people and a structure with resources to address the sometimes messiness of life was an option for us and I am thankful for that.

Three months have passed since Rayanne began attending Bowman and I can't help but reach out to thank the staff for their part in her getting some "spark" back. There is a marked difference in her attitude and commitment as she is talking about future college plans and career options. Her life changed when she lost her brother, her thoughts became different and she needed to be in a place where there was more focus on the importance of getting that aspect of life. Thank you to all who take the time to consider the kids who attend this school in a way that gets closer to meeting their needs.

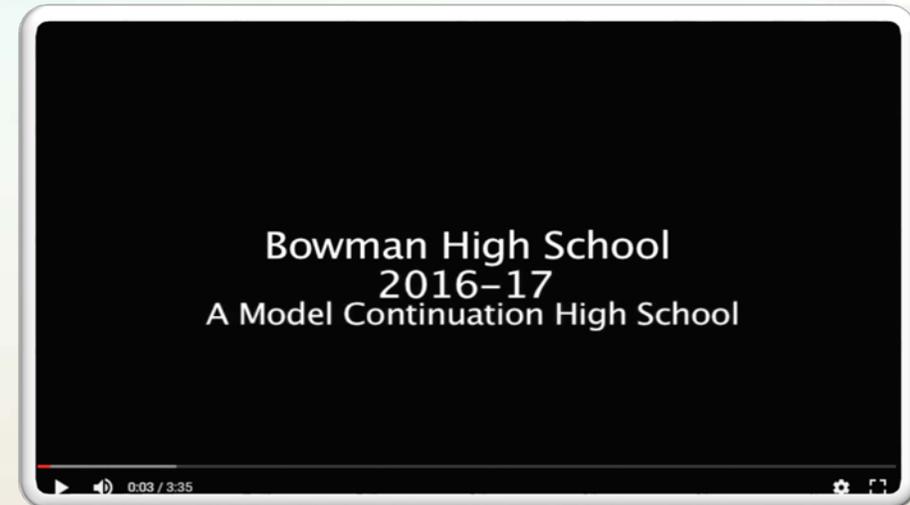
Thank you for genuinely knowing my daughter. Some things cannot be part of a process or faked because it would be obvious. The very real interaction at open house with Mike and his reaction when learning I was Rayanne's mom is something to be remembered. We were able to spend time discussing her involvement in his class including not only her strengths but her interaction with her peers focusing on her character and capability.

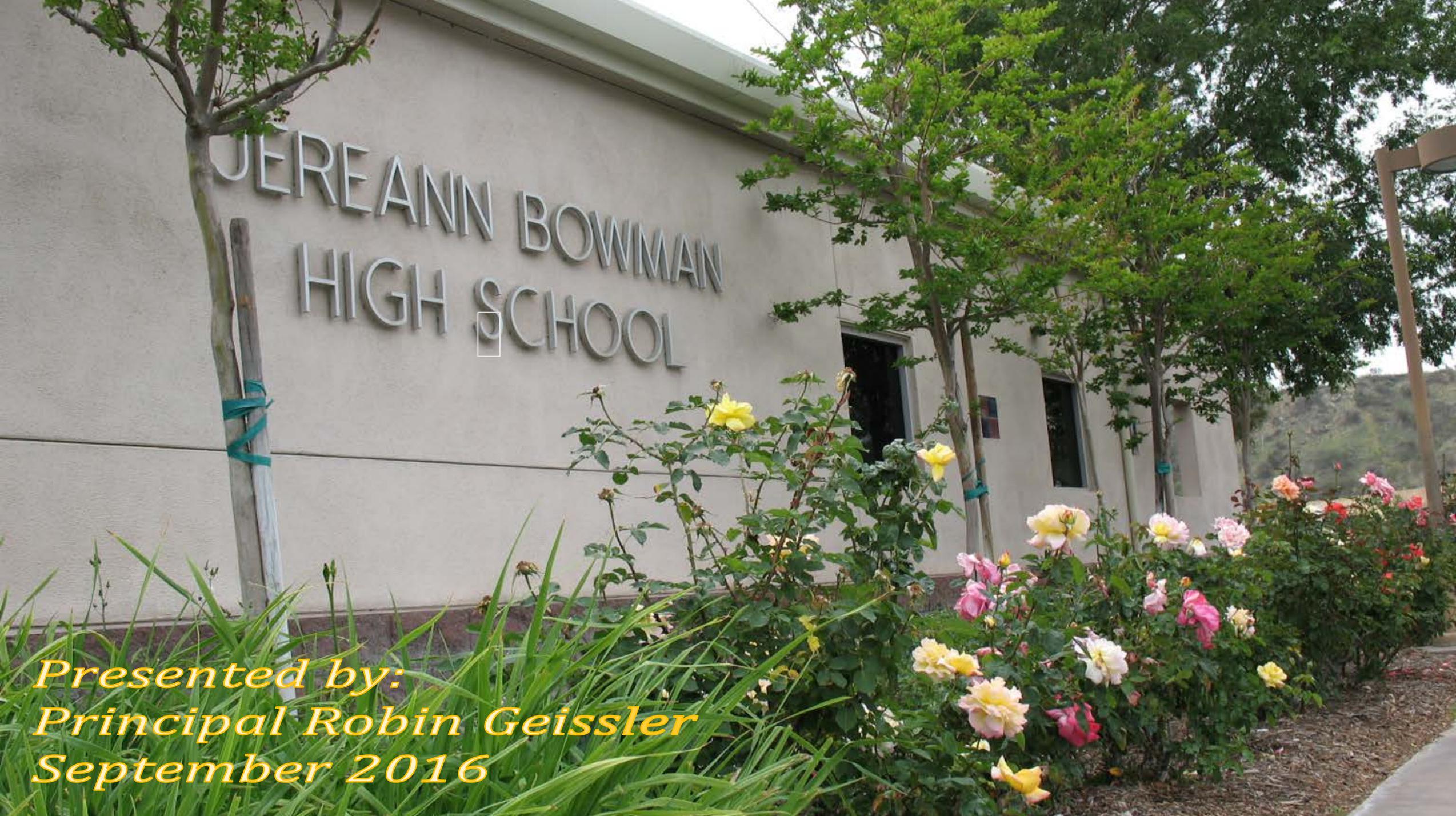
I am proud to know that my son's sisters will be accepting his High School Diploma from Bowman High School and am looking forward to seeing Rayanne accept her own in May 2017. Thank you for having this alternative learning environment.

Sincerely,  
*Kim Munoz*

*Letter by Bowman Parent  
Kim Munoz*

## Video Showcasing Bowman 2016



The image shows the exterior of a school building with a light-colored stucco wall. Large, raised, silver-colored letters spell out "JEREANN BOWMAN HIGH SCHOOL" on the wall. In the foreground, there is a garden bed with various plants, including tall green grasses, yellow roses, and pink and white roses. Several young trees with green foliage are planted along the building, each supported by a wooden stake and blue ties. A concrete sidewalk is visible on the right side of the image.

JEREANN BOWMAN  
HIGH SCHOOL

*Presented by:  
Principal Robin Geissler  
September 2016*