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Superintendent

# fresno county superintendent of schools

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Florence Dunn  
President  
120 N. Clovis Avenue  
Clovis, CA 93612

Dear President Dunn:

As CHSU submits its application to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, this letter serves to communicate our support for the creation of a new College of Osteopathic Medicine in Clovis.

Our institution supports the creation of the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine to provide our Central Valley students with the opportunity to earn their Doctor of Osteopathy here in their home region. We remain committed to providing CHSU with the support and resources needed to assist the school deliver high quality, highly trained, medical professionals for the next century.

This opportunity is a collaborative effort to facilitate positive change in our community. The new medical school would benefit the region in many ways including supplying the region with high quality health care services, increased economic opportunities for the region, and providing local students from the Central Valley the opportunity to attend college at home; thus, addressing the physician recruitment and retention problems.

The development of a new College of Osteopathic Medicine is an important step in addressing the underserved populations within our region, the state, and community. We look forward to developing a beneficial partnership with CHSU.

Sincerely,

Jim A. Yovino  
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools