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The Natomas School Foundation would like to welcome our new President Monty Maxwell to our Board. Monty has been a school parent here in Natomas for 11 years. Recently Monty and Jasmine, his wife, had a new baby boy, which completes their family of four children. With this new addition we know Monty will be in involved in our schools for at least another 17 years. Monty Maxwell and his entire family, mother, father, sisters, cousins, and kids, have always been involved in our community, volunteering in numerous events. It's a family affair, when the Maxwell family signs up to help they always bring a crowd of family to help pitch in. Currently he coaches Varsity football at Inderkum High School, but you probably know him from coaching our kids in many different sports through the years. Monty knows our students, he knows their needs, and he has some great ideas on how we need to help them. Another reason you might know Monty, is because he owns his own Mortgage Company here in Natomas called Moneywell Mortgage Group. Monty is smart, and has developed many resources that will help build our foundation. We are so pleased to have him.

Our new Officers are, Vice President Tamara Sortman from Tea Leaf Studios, Secretary Michael Phillips from Gateway Fellowship Church, Treasurer Derek R.Hill, CPA from Credence Financial Services Inc. We also have some more new board members I would like to announce. Brad Liddell from Classic Awards and Trophy Company, Michael Pugh from Mass Mutual Financial Group, Norcal Wealth Management & Insurance Services, LLC, Dr. Steve Farrar Superintendent of The Natomas Unified School District, Luicita Moran from B2G Development, Mary Farrell from Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP, Susan Pierce from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, and Ex Officio Teacher, Cynthia Connell from Natomas Unified School District.

Along with new Board Members comes new sub-committees like, Rules/ Bylaws, Finance, Communication, and Grant Writing, these committees will continue our foundations mission. The New Proposal Committee will be focusing on identifying areas of need, and developing new projects to support those needs, within the Natomas schools.

We are currently looking at some after school programs in both Jr. High and High School. These programs will be working with students in music and music design and that will help build stronger healthier bodies. Other programs for job training in the construction fields, and helping athletic with extra tutoring, is another focus. The Fundraising Committee will be planning and organizing creative events within the Natomas community, for all of us to support and enjoy. Events with all types of the Arts, and Culture, will be at the top of the list. This is the most

exciting part of being on this wonderful team, seeing these ideas come to life. If you're interested in helping out or have some ideas, please contact Lisa Rojas, Executive Director at 813-5174.

Our comment is "Many of our schools' programs are currently threatened by the mandated state-wide budget cuts. That's why it is SO important, now more than ever, to get involved with the Natomas Schools Foundation. We will continue our work to support our schools and the programs that will enrich our students' lives and ensure their future success. Be a part of that commitment by contacting us by phone, or through our website at **www.natomasfoundation.org**."