



## CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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### PEGGY HELLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### Designated 2022

Atwater Elementary School District  
Merced County  
Lyndsay Olds, Principal  
201 Lakeview Drive, Atwater, California 95301  
209-357-6517

#### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Enrollment: 171. Grade Levels: 7-8.

#### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American 1%, Asian 4%, White 25%, Hispanic 65%, Other 5%

#### FIVE BEST REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- **Teacher PLCs:** Weekly collaboration: standards, assessment, interventions, leadership
- **Students-First Master Schedule:** strong first instruction, elective wheel, interventions
- **STEAM for the Middle:** infusion of topics (solar, water, social justice) in core subjects
- **Advisory Class:** Restorative practices, community circles, executive function
- **Extracurriculars for All:** Outdoor learning, academic pentathlon, community service