



Building Partnerships for Tomorrow

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Dear UCESC Community,

Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year! We are thrilled to see all of your faces next week. Our schools will open for students on Friday, September 8, at 8:30 a.m. Project SEARCH and Work Readiness Academy will open at 9:00 a.m.

The past year and a half has undoubtedly brought unique challenges and uncertainties to our district, but it has also showcased the incredible resilience, adaptability, and unity that define our district. With immense pride and gratitude, I reflect on the efforts of our students, teachers, staff, and parents, who have worked collaboratively to navigate the changing landscape of education.

As we embrace the new school year, we are also excited to introduce innovative programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the educational experience. Our dedicated educators have been refining their teaching practices to meet the diverse needs of our students, and they are eager to inspire a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Parents and guardians, your partnership is invaluable to us. We encourage open lines of communication between home and school, as this collaboration significantly contributes to the success of our students. Our district website and school newsletters will continue to serve as platforms for sharing information and celebrating achievements.

UCESC takes the health and wellness of our staff and students very seriously. As such, if your child is not feeling well, we recommend that they stay home and that you contact the school nurse with a description of their symptoms. As a reminder, any student with a fever must stay home until they have been fever-free without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours. All UCESC health and wellness policies and procedures are subject to change based on guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education or the New Jersey Department of Health.

As we embark on this journey together, let us remember that our diversity is our strength. Let us promote kindness, empathy, and respect in our interactions, fostering a sense of unity that extends beyond our school walls.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our outstanding educators and support staff who dedicate themselves to nurturing the minds and hearts of our students. Your passion and dedication are the cornerstones of our district's success.

Once again, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our staff on Tuesday and students on Friday, and we are looking forward to a fantastic school year. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 908-233-9317 x1001 or cdattilo@ucesc.org.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the 2023-2024 academic year!

Sincerely,

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