

# STUDENT PROGRAMS

# NEWSLETTER



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## Professional Development Day

On October 30, 2023, all staff joined together for a full day of learning and collaboration at the Atwater Education Center. Martin Macias opened the day with a transformative activity to show the variety and disparities of the families we serve. We reflected on how Atomic Habits can help us address these disparities for equitable services to all students. Sandra Stevens and Lucia Tejeda, our partners in College and Career, presented on the topic of trauma informed care and adverse childhood experiences. Site level teams spent the afternoon collaborating on various topics, such as Multi-tiered System of Support, Community Schools Partnership Program, and job-alike roles and responsibilities.



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County Superintendent of Schools



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## Back to School Night



Atwater Education Center had a successful Back to School Night in September. The event included all programs on the campus: Atwater Valley, Merced Scholars Charter School, Come Back Charter School, and Special Education. Over 180 participants showed up to the event, including Dr. Steve Tietjen. Parents had an opportunity to connect with teachers and staff to hear about the various supports and programs offered on the campus. Families enjoyed a night of fun activities and prizes.



The MCOE Los Banos Education Center Construction Project to add 2 classrooms, restrooms, and sidewalks have begun. Construction crews are setting down the groundwork for modular buildings to be brought in. This project is expected to be complete by January 2024. The new facilities will help the campus to expand and serve the increasing student body on the west side.

