



Building Partnerships for Tomorrow

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Dear UCESC Community,

Welcome back to the 2024-25 school year! We are excited to see all of our returning students and welcome new ones. Our schools will open for students on Friday, September 6, at 8:30 a.m. Project SEARCH and Work Readiness Academy will open at 9:00 a.m.

Parents and guardians, your partnership is essential to our students' success. We encourage open communication between home and school to work together for the best outcomes. Our district website and monthly newsletters will keep you informed and updated on your child's progress and school events.

This year, we prioritize listening, collaborating, and providing leadership opportunities for our students, staff, and parents. Your feedback is instrumental in shaping our policies, programs, and initiatives. As we know, voice is not limited to verbal communication. It also refers to providing the opportunity for all learning community members to express their opinions, ideas, and needs within the educational context. It involves actively listening to students, valuing their perspectives, and empowering them to participate in decision-making processes that affect their learning experiences. We believe that by working together, we can create a school district that truly reflects the needs and goals of each of our students.

By now, you should have received a communication from your child's school with essential forms we need for you to complete. I want to highlight one of those forms, the School Meal Application. Completing this form is required by the state, regardless of your eligibility for free or reduced lunch or your intention to purchase school lunch.

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 2024-2025 academic year!

Sincerely,

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