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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As the principal of Patiño School of Entrepreneurship, it is once again my pleasure to welcome everyone back after a restful summer for the 2025-2026 school year. The first day of the 2025-2026 academic year will mark our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday! This year we will enter our 11<sup>th</sup> year of creating learning opportunities for students to innovate, create and develop entrepreneurial mindsets! We are so very happy to be able to celebrate entering our 2<sup>nd</sup> decade with our community over the course of the upcoming year.

Our staff members have been working hard to create exciting experiences that will prepare students for the opportunities they will have to showcase their learning throughout the year. We are looking forward to partnering with you to bring learning to life both at home and at school. This is a critical component at Patiño, and we look forward to your involvement in ensuring the success of your children. With the support of staff, families, and community, I feel our students are in an excellent position to gain the knowledge, skills, and competencies that will help them become lifelong learners and successful individuals upon graduation.

As you prepare for the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, please keep in mind:

- **Late registration** takes place Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The office will be open until 7:00pm.
- The **first day of school** is Monday, August 18, 2025.
- Students will receive their **schedules** the first week of school after disorientation. Schedules will also be on Atlas.
- **Buses** will pick up/drop off students at each comprehensive high school site in the morning and afternoon. Bus routes can be found at <https://transportation.fresnounified.org/bus-routes/>.
- School days (with the exception of early release Tuesdays, the last day of the first semester, and the last day of second semester) will begin at **9:00am and end at 3:43pm**.
- Our district will be implementing an **early release schedule on Tuesdays of five-day school weeks** for teacher professional development. Please visit our district website to view calendars. Our school days on early release Tuesdays will begin at **9:00am and end at 2:32pm**.
- **The last day of the first semester and the last day of the second semester** school will begin at 9:00am and end at 1:31pm.
- **All students should be picked up no later than 5:00pm Monday-Thursday and 4:15pm on Fridays.** Our office closes at 5:00pm Monday-Thursday. Fridays, our office closes at 4:30pm.
- **Breakfast** will be served until 8:55am Monday-Friday.
- All **blue** forms in the start-of-school paperwork, along with emergency cards, must be completed/signed and returned:  
(\*\*If you are joining us from out of district, you will also need to bring immunization records, transcripts, and current PGE, water bill or rental agreement.)
  - **9th grade students:** return packets August 11, 2025 from 8:30am-12:00pm.
  - **10th grade students:** return packets August 12, 2025 from 8:30am-12:00pm.
  - **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students:** return packets August 13, 2025 from 8:30am-12:00pm.
- **Back to School Night** will be held on September 18, 2025, from 5:15-6:15pm.
- **Open House** will be held on May 14, 2025, from 5:15-6:15pm.

I am truly honored to continue to have the opportunity to serve as principal of Patiño School of Entrepreneurship. It is such a privilege to be a part of a team where community, parents, teachers, and students strive to build both positive relationships and exciting intellectual real world learning experiences that support academic and social growth.

Please feel free to contact me at 559.248.7360 or at [blair.eliason@fresnounified.org](mailto:blair.eliason@fresnounified.org).

Once again, welcome back and I can't wait to see all that our students will accomplish this year!

Sincerely,

Blair Eliason Sagardia  
Principal