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MCSD & Local Education Leaders Unite to Host First State of Education Summit

With a first-of-its-kind event, leaders from Merced City School District, Merced Union High School District, Merced College, and UC Merced united efforts to share one message; collaboration in our community can transform education and opportunities across the region.

The State of Education summit hosted at UC Merced on Tuesday, October 21 brought nearly 70 local educators, community stakeholders, and public officials together to receive a better understanding of how each organization is addressing student and family needs, and aligning programs and resources to ensure students across our region thrive throughout their PreK-Higher Education.

Upon her arrival at MCSD just over two years ago, Superintendent Stocking proudly noted the open invitation she received to join forces with her new colleagues, fondly referred to as "the three amigos," Superintendent Allen Peterson, President Chris Vitelli, and Chancellor Jose Munoz. They meet quarterly to discuss the "Merced Promise," which is a collective educational partnership to face challenges and create opportunities that continue to brighten the future of Merced. Stocking made it clear that as a proud and humble Latina with deep roots here in our community, she's committed to honoring the work of those before her and leaving MCSD better than she found it.

Stocking's presentation included significant reminders that with more than 11,000 PreK-8th grade students in MCSD, the journey to college and career begins long before high school. Partnerships with local educational institutions and community partnerships have allowed our students to benefit from offerings such as visual and performing arts, tutoring, several engagement tours and athletics events throughout the year.

One thing is for certain, although we continue to engage in local partnerships and take strides to improve literacy and aging facilities in MCSD, it takes every single community member to stand together, share success, face challenges honestly and build toward a future that reflects the very best of Merced. The collaborative partnership with MCSD, MUHSD, Merced College, and UC Merced plans to host an update annually in the future.

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"Our students have the academic skills and personal characteristics to continue their learning journey, pursuing their passions and talents."