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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As the principal of Patiño School of Entrepreneurship, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you back for the 2026-2027 school year. As we begin our 12th year of empowering students to innovate, create, and develop entrepreneurial mindsets, I am filled with excitement and gratitude for the incredible community we have built together. Each year, I am inspired by the dedication of our students, families, and staff and this year promises to be our most dynamic yet. We are proud to be in our second decade of shaping the next generation of entrepreneurs, and we look forward to continuing that legacy with all of you.

Our dedicated staff has spent the summer reimagining and refining the experiences that bring learning to life at Patiño. From the classroom to the community, we are committed to creating opportunities where students don't just learn about entrepreneurship, they live it. Your partnership as families is significant; it is at the heart of everything we do. When home and school partner, our students thrive. With the continued dedication of our staff, the engagement of our families, and the resilience of our students, I am confident that this community will rise to every challenge and celebrate every milestone this year has in store.

As you prepare for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, please keep in mind:

- **Late registration** takes place Tuesday, August 11, 2026. The office will be open until 7:00pm.
- The **first day of school** is Monday, August 17, 2026.
- 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/.**
- Regular school days 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 2:31pm.**
- Please reference our 2026-2027 bell schedule online/in the back-to-school packet and note start/end times for all other special schedules.
- **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.
- **If you are joining us from out of district, you will need to bring immunization records, transcripts, and current PGE, water bill or rental agreement.**
- **Back to School Night** will be held on September 10, 2026, from 5:15-6:15pm.
- **Open House** will be held on May 6, 2027, from 5:15-6:15pm.

It remains one of my greatest honors to serve as your principal at Patiño School of Entrepreneurship. I am grateful to be a part of a community that holds a shared belief that every student has the potential to solve real problems, lead with purpose, and shape their own future. Together, we will continue to build on the strong foundation of meaningful relationships, authentic learning, and personal growth that makes Patiño so special.

Please feel free to contact me at 559.248.7360 or at blair.eliason@fresnounified.org.

Welcome back, Patiño family! Here's to a school year filled with bold ideas, brave choices, and breakthroughs we haven't yet imagined!
Sincerely,

Blair Eliason Sagardia
Principal