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Merced City School District to Host Annual Back 2 School Wellness Fair on August 4

The Merced City School District (MCSD) will welcome students and families back for the new school year by hosting its annual Back 2 School Wellness Fair on Tuesday, August 4, bringing together community organizations, local businesses, healthcare providers, and District staff to provide free resources and services that help students start the school year healthy, confident, and ready to learn.

The Back 2 School Wellness Fair is designed to support the whole child by connecting families with essential resources in one convenient location. Attendees will have access to school supplies, clothing distributed through the District's Back 2 School Essentials Drive, health and wellness resources, and community support services. By bringing these services together, the event helps reduce barriers for students while strengthening connections between schools, families, and the community.

In preparation for the event, MCSD launched its annual Back 2 School Essentials Drive, encouraging community members, businesses, and organizations to donate new packs of socks and underwear, as well as new or gently used clothing and shoes for students from preschool through eighth grade. Donations collected through the drive will be distributed to students and families during the Wellness Fair, helping ensure they have the essentials needed for a successful start to the school year.

"The Back 2 School Wellness Fair reflects our commitment to supporting students beyond the classroom," said Superintendent Julianna Stocking. "When families have access to the resources they need, students are better prepared to learn, grow, and succeed. We are incredibly grateful to our community partners whose generosity makes this event possible each year."

Last year's Wellness Fair served thousands of students and family members, providing critical resources while connecting families with valuable community services. This year's event continues that tradition by expanding opportunities for families to access support and reinforcing MCSD's commitment to student well-being, family engagement, and educational success.

Community organizations and businesses interested in supporting the Wellness Fair or contributing to the Back 2 School Essentials Drive are encouraged to contact Taylor Gates at tgates@mcsd.k12.ca.us or Isabella Jaurique-Pouncey at IJauriquePouncey@mcsd.k12.ca.us.

The Merced City School District serves students from preschool through eighth grade and is committed to ensuring every student has the resources, opportunities, and support needed to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

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