



**CAPITOL AREA**  
**R★TAC**  
California Community Schools  
Partnership Program



# Community Schools Connection

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# Learnings

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## November

- 7th- [Learning Together: A Community for Site-Level Leads](#)
- 12th- [Building Bridges: Strengthening Family and Community Partnerships](#)
- 15th - [COE Network for Community Schools](#)
- 20th - [Teaching and Learning in Community School Classrooms](#)
- 21st - [CCSPP Cohort 4 Grant Prep Webinar](#)
- 22nd - [Integrated System of Support Learning Series](#)

## December

- 5th - [Learning Together: A Community for Site-Level Leads](#)
- 6th - [Capitol Area R-TAC Office Hours](#)
- 11th - [Building Bridges: Strengthening Family and Community Partnerships](#)
- 13th - [CCSPP Cohort 4 Grant Prep Webinar](#)
- 17th - [Collaborative Strategies for Supporting Foster Youth and Homeless Students](#)
- 19th - [District Systems for Community Schools](#)

## January

- 9th - [Learning Together: A](#)



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# Alpine Wellness Center

On October 4th, Alpine County celebrated a special place with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Wellness Center. The event brought together students, families, community partners, school staff, and tribal members. Ken J. Burkhart, Superintendent of Alpine County & District Schools, reflected on the journey to open the center and expressed gratitude to everyone involved. Geoffrey Ellis, Chairman of the Woodfords Community Council and Alpine School Employee, delivered a land acknowledgment and shared his thoughts on the center's importance.

Key contributors participated in the ribbon-cutting, marking the opening of this vital space dedicated to supporting young people in the rural community. Each student received a t-shirt and a goodie bag, and they explored the center designed for their well-being. The school-based Wellness Center offers essential mental health resources, counseling, and health education, providing a safe space for students to address personal challenges and build resilience. This space highlights the incredible power of community collaboration in supporting the well-being of all young people.

[Community for Site-Level Leads](#)

- 10th - [Integrated System of Support Learning Series](#)



## Related COE Professional Learnings

### SCOPE:

- November 6th - [Centralizing the Needs of English Learners: ELD for Elementary Teachers and Administrators Institute](#)
- November 6th - [Cultivating Inspiration and Engagement in Schools](#)
- November 7th - [How to Lead from Where You Are: Navigating Influence and Decision-Making, presented by Dr. Terrie Noland](#)
- November 19th - [Fall LCRSET Professional Learning Network](#)
- November 19th - [Maker Education Institute](#)
- November 21st - [SEL and Academic Integration](#)
- December 3rd - [Leveraging Elementary Academic Text to Deepen Language Proficiency](#)
- December 12th - [SEL Community of Practice](#)
- January 9th - [Harnessing the Power of Instructional Rounds: Dual Language](#)

- January 11th - [EPiCC Professional Learning Network](#)

## PCOE:

- November 14th - [Suicide Prevention Training Series-Be Sensitive Be Brave, Safe Talk, ASIST](#)

# News & Updates

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## California Department of Education (CDE)

### CCSPP Cohort 4 Implementation Grant Request For Applications (RFA)

The CDE has released the Cohort 4 Implementation Grant RFA, which you can find linked [here](#).

- The CDE will be hosting Cohort 4 Implementation Grant webinars on November 15th from 10-11am and November 19th from 2-3pm. [Register Here](#).
- Our Capitol Area R-TAC will also be hosting Cohort 4 Implementation Grant Prep Webinars to assist with the grant application process on November 21st, December 13th, and January 17th from 11am-12pm ([flyer](#)).

### Budget Webinar

- The CDE hosted a CCSPP Budget Webinar in October, if you missed it, you can find the slide presentation linked [here](#).

### SBE Meeting

- The next State Board of Education meeting will take place on November 13th, and we are excited to announce that **Folsom Cordova Unified School District** will present on their efforts to create an integrated system of support, partnership, and empowerment for scholars in the City of Rancho Cordova by embracing the Community Schools mindset.

## State Transformational Assistance Center (S-TAC)

### Collective Learning Space

- The S-TAC will be hosting six Collective Learning Spaces to support planning and implementation grantees statewide. [Register Here](#).

## Regional Transformational Assistance Center (R-TAC)

### Deep Dive Sites

- We are thrilled to announce that **Wheatland High School Union District** and **Gateway Community Charters** have been recommended by our R-TAC and selected by the S-TAC as Deep Dive Sites. The S-TAC and R-TAC will collaborate with these sites to capture a comprehensive view of CCSPP implementation, from practice-level to policy-level. This partnership aims to enhance collective capacity for improvement and transformation, while also sharing insights on identified assets and needs back to the state and field.

### Golden Hills Study Tour Video

- During our Community Schools Launch in September we debuted the powerful Golden Hills Study Tour video, if you missed it you can find it linked [here](#).

## Professional Learning Resources

- It has been wonderful to connect with many of you during our professional learning opportunities. Just a reminder: you can find all the professional learning resources linked to the title of each learning series on our [webpage](#).

# R-TAC Partner Highlight



**Learning Heroes** supports schools, districts, and communities in strengthening family engagement through research-based professional development and resources. Schools thrive when they build strong partnerships with families to actively support their child’s academic progress and development. Drawing on their extensive research into families’ experiences with schools, Learning Heroes helps schools foster meaningful family partnerships.

Their report, “Unlocking the How”, offers research-backed recommendations with actionable steps for schools to leverage family engagement as a strategy to drive student learning and well-being. We encourage you to explore [“Unlocking the How”](#) and visit the Learning Heroes website at: [belearninghero.org](http://belearninghero.org)

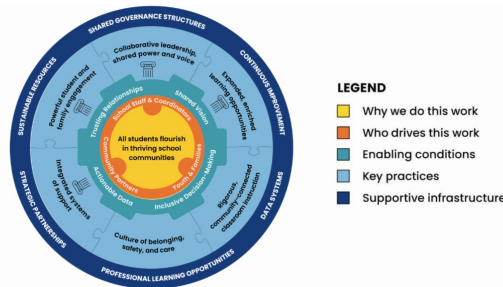


## Resource

Supporting physical health at school:

Partnership with your local county health department can help to reduce barriers to accessing health care and bring a wide

## CS Forward Framework



range of essential health services to your school community.

Additionally, don't overlook the invaluable role of your school nurse! Many school nurses have access to vouchers and programs that provide free or reduced-cost dental and vision services for students. Together, we can ensure that every child has the support they need to thrive.

*Download the full **Framework: Essentials for Community School Transformation** document.*

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**The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.**

**-Marcel Proust**

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