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## CCSPP Cohort 4 Request for Application is OPEN!

The CDE recently opened the application process for Cohort 4 of the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP). This will be the final round of funding to support the establishment of new Community Schools. Applications are due by **February 7, 2025**. For schools interested in applying, the CV R-TAC is available to provide guidance throughout the application process.

[Request for Applications  
Implementation Plan \(Optional\)](#)

## Collaborative Leadership

The Central Valley R-TAC recently hosted a 120-minute virtual session on **Collaborative Leadership for Equitable and Sustainable Community Schools**. Participants explored shared decision-making, moving away from top-down models, and discussed practical tools to strengthen leadership capacity. Small group discussions allowed CCSPP grantees to exchange real-life examples of leadership and community school implementation.

Access the webinar [HERE](#).

## Bright Spot - El Tejon Unified



El Tejon Unified School District, located in Lebec, California, is dedicated to empowering each student to take ownership of their academic careers. The district has been awarded the Cohort 4 CCSPP Implementation Grant, demonstrating a strong commitment to addressing the needs in the areas of Integrated Supports, Expanded Learning, Active Family and Student Engagement, and Collaborative Leadership.

Through careful planning, ETUSD identified key areas of interest among parents, including learning about the educational process, creating after-school programs for students to access college and career classes, and offering classes for parents.



They also recognized the valuable skills of their school staff, which can be utilized to teach courses in areas such as sewing, music, 4-H, and cosmetology. In addition to these efforts, the district has enhanced support services by integrating social workers, case managers, and dental care into their school day. Partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club, provide extended learning opportunities, including cooking classes that help students develop their culinary skills. El Tejon Unified School District offers amazing opportunities for families, students, and staff. Upon stepping onto the campus, one can feel the strong sense of connection between the leadership and the school community.



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## **\*\*Shout Out to Our CV R-TAC Stanislaus Team!\*\***

A huge thank you to our Stanislaus team members, Eric Ranes, Program Manager for Wellness, and Warren Scott, Consultant for Instructional Support Services, for successfully launching the 2024-2025 school year! They kicked off our CV R-TAC Northern region CCSP Community of Practice and Bootcamps, designed to equip community school leaders with the essential skills, knowledge, and strategies needed to effectively build, manage, and sustain community schools.

Eric and Warren have engaged five LEAs in Stanislaus County, involving nine school sites. They have also opened their doors to both northern CV R-TAC grantees and non-grantees, inviting them to participate in the professional learning opportunities at StanCOE.



## CV R-TAC UPDATES

### Strategic AI Tools

The CV R-TAC, in partnership with the FCSS STEM Education Department, hosted "**Strategic AI Tools: Streamlining Operations in Community Schools.**" It explored how AI can improve productivity, decision-making, and support for educational partners, while strengthening connections with community partners. Access the AI resources [HERE!](#)

### Capacity-Building Progress Gauge

The CV R-TAC had developed a progress monitoring tool to help support and capture the implementation progress of the CCSP strategies. Contact the CV R-TAC if you interested in learning more, or click below to access the gauge.

[Capacity-Building Progress Gauge](#)

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### CV R-TAC EVENTS

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[KCSOS Calendar](#)

### CV R-TAC WEBSITES

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