



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

February 2025

### Final Countdown: CCSP Cohort 4 Request for Application is OPEN!

The deadline is quickly approaching. The application process for Cohort 4 of the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSP) is 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)

### Strengthening Community Schools

This webinar, presented by WestEd in partnership with the CV R-TAC, provided practical strategies for building strong, inclusive family partnerships and featured insights from Central Valley districts leading this work. It was an opportunity to gain valuable tools to enhance student outcomes and strengthen our community schools. Thank you to all our presenters who shared your transformational work and resources.

Access the webinar recording and resources [HERE](#).



### Bright Spot - TJUHSD



A recent achievement for TJUHSD is the opening of their Community School Center. This will be a place that is not only open to our parents and community to learn more about school/community programs and supports but also to support our parents' engagement based on their wants/needs. They also look forward to bringing district services together to provide better collaboration between families and providers to support the whole needs of our students.

They will house Community School Coordinators, District Nurse, District Social Workers, District Work-Based Learning Coordinator, District Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator and Community School Director all in the same building for better support of the community.



The ribbon cutting and grand opening took place on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gretchen Vander Tuig, Community Schools Director for Tulare Joint Union High School District. She can be reached by phone at 559-656-5725 or by email at [gretchen.vandertuig@tulare.k12.ca.us](mailto:gretchen.vandertuig@tulare.k12.ca.us).

# SEE POVERTY THROUGH NEW EYES

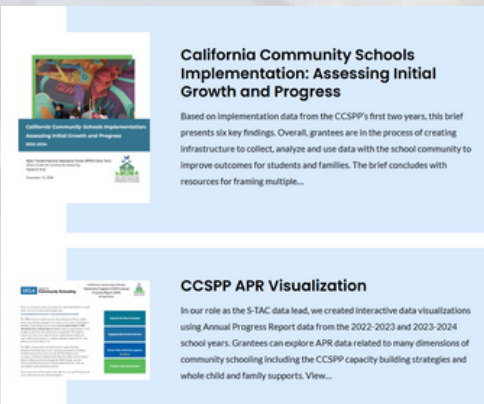
Kern County Superintendent of Schools School Community Partnerships recently hosted a Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE). The COPE is a 2.5-hour simulation designed to provide a firsthand understanding of the challenges faced by impoverished individuals based on real families' experiences. This immersive training helps participants better comprehend poverty's personal and systemic impacts on communities and organizations. Over 70 people from 28 different school districts and organizations attended the well-received simulation. A huge thank you to the participants and organizers of this event. Kern and Fresno can offer this experience, please let us know if you are interested.



## CCSPP IMPLEMENTATION: ASSESSING GROWTH AND PROGRESS

### State Reports and Resources

Read about Community Schools implementation and initial growth for Cohorts One and Two. UCLA has provided a statewide Community Schools briefing, a CCSPP APR Visualization, and much more. You can see how all Community Schools are doing on their APR and narrow the data down to your school district or school site. Here is the [link](#).



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