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Dear Caregivers and Guardians,

The Corona-Norco Unified School District recognizes the unique needs of the foster youth population, and has created a resource called the All-Stars Foster Youth Program. We believe it "takes a village" to support our population and have collaborated with many support systems to help them navigate through the foster care system and understand their rights as a foster youth.

The purpose of the All-Star program is to empower youth with the resources needed to self-advocate, make healthy choices, and prepare for their future. The school sites and central office are committed to providing a strong community of support and connection in order to maximize each student's social emotional health, and academic potential.

Each school site offers unique opportunities for your student, such as the ability to participate in individual and group support services that will help develop social skills, resiliency, and strong academic practices. These monthly sessions will **not** provide counseling but will consist of activities, support, encouragement and connection, facilitated by your student's School Counselor. In addition, you may occasionally receive support information, or resources sent home that could benefit your student.

It is our hope that through the All-Star program, students will develop social skills, build resiliency, and have a reduction in negative school behaviors and absenteeism, while increasing academic success.

Due to the COVID pandemic and remote learning, many opportunities for the students will be virtual, including monthly check-ins. Please make sure to check your email for resources and support and visit our program website at: www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/allstarprogram.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your School Counselor or you can contact me at the district office (951) 736-5111 ext. 16223. During remote learning, you can contact me by email: jmmendez@cnusd.k12.ca.us.

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