Email Language: Convening Community Partners

Dear Community Partners,

As you know, decades of research demonstrate that an early and strong foundation for learning matters. Children who have effective learning opportunities before Kindergarten have an advantage in school and in life over children who do not, especially children with adverse childhood experiences. Children who attend quality preschool programs are more prepared for school in terms of their early literacy, language and math skills, their executive function, and social-emotional development. Research suggests that preschool participants are less likely to be identified for special education services, less likely to be held back in elementary school, and have higher graduation rates than children who do not attend developmentally-informed and joyful preschool programs that include strong educational components.

California is poised to realize Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) for all four-year-old children, and to expand services for three-year-old children through bold leadership and the unprecedented investments in the Budget Act of 2021, including Universal Transitional Kindergarten and expansion of the California State Preschool Program.

The **[INSERT LEA NAME]** is currently in the process of developing its plan for implementation of UPK within the district and seeks to engage you and our community partners in the development of the plan to ensure that implementation of UPK is relevant to the communities we serve, and provides the best possible outcomes for the children and families that will be served in UPK.

The **[INSERT LEA NAME]** values our community partners' input and invites you to a convening of early education partners to engage in dialogue and provide input in the development of the district's UPK implementation plan.

The convening of community partners is scheduled for **[INSERT DATE]**, at **[INSERT TIME]**. We invite you to register at **[INSERT LINK].**

We look forward to engaging and collaborating with you as we work to develop and implement a UPK system within our community that will provide a strong foundation for our community's children and families.

Sincerely,

[INSERT SIGNATURE BLOCK]