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Dear UCSD #4 Special Education Parents,

Parent/ Teacher conferences for MS and HS students are October 24th and 25th. For Elementary students the first one is December 8th. Look for more specific information from the principals and schools about times and locations. As we get closer to parent/ teacher conference time I'd like to personally invite and encourage you to attend them. I also thought it might be helpful to offer a little guidance in terms of what to ask teachers at parent teacher conferences.

I always encourage parents to bring their students with them to conferences- at all grade levels. As students get older they can practice their responsibility and advocacy skills by asking these questions to teachers themselves.

Questions to ask teachers:

- 1) Did you know that my student has an IEP? Have you read it? Do you understand what the goals are?
- 2) Have you worked with my students' special education teacher around providing accommodations/ support for the IEP?
- 3) What do my students accommodations/ supports look like in your classroom?
- 4) Are they working? How do you know?
- 5) What do the assessments in your class measure?
- 6) What are the assessments in your classroom telling you about my student?
- 7) What can we do at home to provide that extra help?
- 8) How can I help and what is the best way to communicate?

Here at UCSD #4 I've been super impressed with how well our special education teachers work with regular education teachers to keep them informed about students and our needs. I'm optimistic that most of our teachers will be able to address these questions. However, we are always working to improve our program. Understanding this, I would definitely welcome your feedback, as a parent, if you experience any responses to these questions that concern you. Please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you at Parent/ Teacher Conferences this year!

Sincerely,

Shad Hamilton

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