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Dear Acero Students and Families,



Welcome back! We are excited about the kick off to an amazing 2019-2020 school year. Our dedicated educators, school and network leaders have worked hard all summer preparing for the year ahead and are looking forward to seeing all that our students accomplish.



At Acero Schools, our vision is to provide educational opportunities that will launch the next generation of extraordinary life-long learners, discerners and doers.

This year, to further implement our mission and with the input of our entire school community, we announce *Acero's Pillars of Practice*. These five pillars were created to support our students by focusing on the growth and achievement of their educational goals while honoring their culture in a supportive learning environment. They include standards-based teaching and learning, mission driven and data-informed practice, serving the whole student, personalized learning and creating an aspirational environment. We are ready to make this the best year yet at Acero Schools and you can learn more about our *Pillars of Practice* [here](#).

We are also excited to announce our new partnership with UnidosUS. UnidosUS is the largest civic and advocacy organization in the country serving the Latino community through research, policy analysis, program work and a national network of nearly 300 community-based Affiliate organizations. Acero's families and community are an integral part of our students, schools and network's success and this partnership further enables Acero Schools to provide an even more supportive environment for our next generation of lifelong learners, discerners and doers and their families. Acero Schools will always be a safe and inclusive place for all. [\[UnidosUS Affiliate\]](#)

As we start this year's educational journey, we encourage each and every one of our students to live the Acero values of *Achievement, Community, Excellence, Resilience* and *Optimism* each and every day. Welcome back!

¡Somos Acero!

Richard L. Rodriguez
President and CEO

