



## **PRESS RELEASE: PIQE Announces Launch of the California Statewide Family Engagement Center (CA-SFEC) Advisory Committee to Enhance Family Engagement in California**

**SAN DIEGO, CA, June 17, 2024** — The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) is proud to announce the upcoming launch of the California Statewide Family Engagement Center (CA-SFEC) Advisory Committee.

The California Statewide Family Engagement Center (CA-SFEC) is led by the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) in collaboration with the California Department of Education (CDE), National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (NAFSCE), the [CA Family and Community Engagement Initiative](#) (CA FACE), part of the [Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation](#) (CDEF), and the University of Irvine (UCI). Supported by a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education over five years, the Advisory Committee will assist the CA-SFEC in its mission to advance the implementation and enhancement of systemic and effective family engagement policies, programs, and activities.

The CA-SFEC Advisory Committee will consist of a diverse group of 15 members, including parents, students, local education agency representatives, community-based organizations, and professionals from the California public education system.

“Our goal with the CA-SFEC Advisory Committee is to bring together diverse voices and perspectives to further define and build capacity and awareness of the effectiveness of family engagement and how it benefits student achievement,” said Dr. Janet Nunez-Pineda, Director of Family Engagement at PIQE. “We are excited about the impact we can make together.”

Committee members will commit to a one-year term, participating in at least three and up to eight meetings annually and will be conducted in both English and Spanish to promote inclusivity and accessibility.

The advisory committee will guide the CA-SFEC project from inception to completion over this five-year period, aiming to sustain systemic changes in family engagement throughout the state. Members will contribute to developing innovative approaches, sharing best practices, and advocating for policies that foster strong school-family-community partnerships.



The first meeting of the CA-SFEC Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM PST via Zoom. This inaugural session will provide comprehensive information about the CA-SFEC and outline the roles and responsibilities of advisory committee members.

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### **About the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)**

The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing families with the knowledge and skills necessary to support their children's academic success. Through workshops and partnerships with schools, PIQE empowers parents to become active participants in their children's education, fostering a collaborative environment for educational excellence. For more information about PIQE, visit [www.piqe.org](http://www.piqe.org).

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