



VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Stanley C. Mantooth, County Superintendent of Schools

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Celina L. Zacarias,
Senior Director
Community & Government Relations
California State University Channel Islands
Office of the President
One University Drive
Camarillo,
CA 93012

Dear Ms. Zacarias,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support in your effort to establish an Early Childhood Education Center at California State University, Channel Islands. Please be assured that this department will make a concerted effort to collaborate in any way with the participation of migrant families.

We shall provide you and your staff with the opportunity to meet directly with our more than 1000 pre-school migrant parents throughout Ventura County and encourage their participation in your early childhood services. We will also gladly produce at our expense recruiting flyers and posters to be distributed in the fields and packing houses where our eligible migrant parents are employed.

Farmworker parents face significant barriers to affordable quality early childhood education for their children and therefore the great majority of their children are cared for by a family member or a friend, this is the beginning of the educational gap. I look forward to working closely with CSU Channel Islands on a much-needed Early Childhood Education Center which will include our very hard-working farmworker families who seek nothing less than the best educational experiences for their children.

Thank you for your effort to provide a much-needed service.

Sincerely,

Joe I. Mendoza,
Director