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Dr. Contreras Superintendent of Schools at Pajaro Valley Unified School District(PVUSD) holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and has been serving in education for 24 years. Under the leadership of Dr. Heather Contreras, Pajaro Valley Unified School District is advancing a focused set of initiatives aimed at improving student outcomes across all schools. Central to this work is the development of a coherent instructional system that emphasizes high-quality curriculum, strong Professional Learning Communities, and the use of data to drive timely interventions and accelerate learning. At the same time, the district is expanding Career Technical Education (CTE) and college and career pathways, aligning programs with regional workforce needs and providing students with meaningful, real-world learning experiences that increase engagement as well as postsecondary readiness for college, career and life. PVUSD is also strengthening its Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to address students' academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs in a more integrated and responsive way, leading to improved attendance, well-being, and academic success. Complementing these efforts is a strong commitment to family and community engagement, ensuring that partnerships with families are authentic, culturally responsive, and centered on supporting student achievement. Together, these initiatives reflect Dr. Contreras's vision for a collaborative, student-centered coherent system that prepares every learner for success in school and beyond.