September 29, 2020

TO: Members of the General Public
Kern County Education Association/CTA/NEA

FROM: Mary C. Barlow
Kern County Superintendent of Schools


The Kern County Superintendent of Schools (“County Superintendent”) makes the following Initial Reopener Proposal (Sunshine Proposal) to the Kern County Education Association/CTA/NEA to reopen the negotiation process pursuant to the existing collective bargaining agreement. The County Superintendent’s initial proposal is as follows:

Article IV (Employee Compensation Package) – The County Superintendent proposes to negotiate a wage and benefit package offering fair compensation consistent with its current and future economic conditions. The County Superintendent may propose other changes to this article.

Article VI (Leaves) – The County Superintendent will propose changes to various paragraphs in this Article.

Article VII (Class Size and Caseloads) – The County Superintendent will propose changes to various paragraphs in this Article.

Appendices - The County Superintendent may propose changes to certain Appendices.

The County Superintendent may reopen additional articles with proper notice, offer new proposals, counter-proposals, withdrawal of proposals and/or other changes to proposals that are responsive to discussions that occur during negotiations, or that the Superintendent deems necessary in response to changes in education funding or other education requirements.

All provisions of the present Collective Bargaining Agreement not addressed in the course of negotiations are to remain unchanged. The County Superintendent and the Administration look forward to meeting with the Association to address these issues and to achieve an early and amicable settlement of this round of negotiations.