

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Resolution of the Governing Board of
Southern Kern Unified School District
Approving Termination and Dissolution of
the Schools Legal Service Joint Powers
Agreement and Authorizing Continuation
of Legal Services Through Individual
Agreements with the Kern County
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION NO. 25-26-13

RECITALS

A. Southern Kern Unified School District is a party to the Joint Powers Agreement for Legal Services (Revised Effective November 10, 2022) ("JPA") establishing Schools Legal Service ("SLS"); and

B. The JPA was entered into pursuant to California Government Code section 6500, et seq., for the purpose of jointly providing legal services to participating educational agencies; and

C. The JPA provides that it shall continue from year to year unless terminated by agreement of the participating parties; and

D. The Board of Directors of SLS has approved and recommended termination and dissolution of the JPA and transition of the SLS program to administration by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools ("KCSOS"); and

E. Under the JPA, participating districts pay for legal services based on their individual usage and fee arrangements rather than through pooled funding or shared equity interests; and

F. The participating districts and KCSOS intend that, upon dissolution of the JPA, SLS shall continue as a division administered by KCSOS; and

G. Following dissolution, legal services will be provided pursuant to separate fee and service agreements between KCSOS and each participating district; and

H. The Governing Board finds that termination of the JPA and continuation of legal services under a county-administered division is in the best interests of the agency and the public, provided that such services continue without interruption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct.
2. Approval of Dissolution. Governing Board hereby approves the termination and dissolution of the Schools Legal Service Joint Powers Agreement and agrees to such termination as a party to the JPA.
3. Effective Date. District approves an effective date of dissolution of June 30, 2026, or such later date as may be established to ensure orderly implementation and coordination among participating districts.
4. Transition to County-Administered Division. Governing Board acknowledges that, upon dissolution of the JPA, SLS will transition to a division administered by KCSOS.
5. Continuity of Legal Services. Governing Board expressly finds and directs that legal services currently provided through SLS continue without interruption during and after the transition.

Superintendent, General Counsel, and designees are directed to take all actions necessary to ensure:

- Continuous access to legal services;
 - Seamless continuation of all active legal matters; and
 - Preservation of attorney-client relationships, confidentiality, and professional obligations.
6. Authorization of Individual Fee Agreements. Superintendent, General Counsel, or designee is authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement or agreements with the KCSOS for the provision of legal services following dissolution.
 - Establish the terms, scope, and rates for services;
 - Provide for continuation or transition of existing legal matters; and
 - Ensure uninterrupted legal representation.
 7. Satisfaction of Outstanding Obligations. District shall satisfy all outstanding financial and contractual obligations incurred under the JPA prior to the effective date of dissolution.
 8. Administrative Actions and Coordination. Superintendent, General Counsel, and designees are authorized to:
 - Provide notice of this action to the Administrative Agency and SLS;
 - Coordinate with other participating districts regarding dissolution; and
 - Take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

9. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Southern Kern Unified School District on this 2nd day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Gutierrez

NOES:

ABSENT: Wright

ABSTAIN:

DATED: June 2, 2026


Robert Vincelette
PRESIDENT, GOVERNING BOARD
Barbara Gaines
CLERK/SECRETARY, GOVERNING
BOARD