



HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governing Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting

October 8, 2026

Board of Trustees

Julie Duarte, President

Kevin Grizzle, Clerk

Larry Iten, Member

Jared Garewal, Member

Ben Abatti Jr., Member

Superintendent

Celso Ruiz

Assistant Superintendent

John Paul Wells



SPECIAL MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, October 8, 2026

CLOSED SESSION 4:30 P.M., OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

Holtville Unified School District, Board Room, 621 East Sixth Street, Holtville, CA. 92250

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1. PRELIMINARY

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present Absent

Julie Duarte, President

Kevin Grizzle, Clerk

Larry Iten, Member

Jared Garewal, Member

Ben Abatti Jr., Member

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2. MODIFICATIONS OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA, IF ANY.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Vote: ____ - ____

3. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA.

At this time, members of the public may address the Board only as to items on the closed session agenda. If you wish to address the Board, please stand, give your name and address and proceed to the podium from which you will speak. Individual presentations shall not be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty minutes.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A) Closed Session in accordance with Government Code section 54957: Public Employee
Discipline/Dismissal/Release

5. REPORTABLE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

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- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA AND ON NON AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.** *At this time, members of the public may address the Board only as to items on the open session agenda or items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Public comment will not be taken during the Board's consideration of an item on the open session agenda. If you wish to address the Board, please stand, give your name and address and proceed to the podium from which you will speak. Individual presentations shall not be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, unless an item has been placed on the published agenda, there shall be no action taken. 1) The Board may acknowledge receipt of the information, 2) refer to staff for further study, or 3) refer the matter to the next agenda*

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING**
Public Hearing Regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the Fiscal Year of 2026/27
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- 8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
The Board is asked to approve the following items:
- A) Approve Board Resolution 2026/27-004 A Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**
(Mr. Ruiz) Pgs. 4-12
- Motion: _____ Second: _____*
Roll Call Vote: Duarte: _____ Grizzle: _____ Iten: _____ Garewal: _____ Abatti: _____
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____
- B) Approve A.M. Desert Storm Concrete Proposal for HHS freezer foundation work for \$21,700**
(Mr. Wells) Pg. 13
- Motion: _____ Second: _____*
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____
- C) Approve A.M. Desert Storm Concrete Proposal for Finley School freezer foundation work for \$33,300**
(Mr. Wells) Pg. 14
- Motion: _____ Second: _____*
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____
- D) Approve A.M. Desert Storm Concrete Proposal for Finley School storage container foundation work for \$18,500**
(Mr. Wells) Pg. 15
- Motion: _____ Second: _____*
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____
- E) Approve Board Policy BP 5141.75: Weather Safety**
(Mr. Ruiz) Pgs.16-17
- Motion: _____ Second: _____*
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____

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- 9. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATE**
Monday, October 19, 2026, is the next Regular Board Meeting
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Holtville Unified School District is to ensure a standards-based curriculum that promotes excellence in academic, social and emotional growth for every student through the establishment of strong parent/school/community partnerships in a stable and safe learning environment.

HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING

Holtville Unified School District

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

The community and general public are invited to attend a public hearing regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials for the fiscal year of 2026/27.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at the Holtville Unified School District Board Room, located at 621 E. Sixth Street, Holtville, Ca. 92250. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Ann Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Posted on September 23, 2026
HUSD Administration Office
Finley School
Holtville Middle School
Holtville High School
Pine School

HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting Agenda

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Education Code Section 60119
Suggested Resolution on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

*Note: The following suggested language may used by governing boards to certify compliance with Education Code Section 60119 (as revised by Chapter 118, Statutes of 2005 and CCR, Title 5, Section 9531). In order to be eligible to receive instructional materials funds, the governing board of each district and county office of education is required to hold an annual public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether each pupil in the district has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specified subjects **that are aligned to the academic content standards and** consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the state board.*

*Governing boards that have met the requirements of Education Code Section 60119 and have also certified compliance with the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) requirements regarding provision of **adopted** standards-aligned instructional materials for all students (Education Code Section 60422) may spend 100% of any remaining IMFRP funds from that year's allocation for other approved purposes.*

RESOLUTION #2026/27-004
REGARDING SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Whereas, the governing board of the Holtville Unified School District/county office of education, in order to comply with the requirements of *Education Code* Section 60119 held a public hearing on October 8th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., which did not take place during or immediately following school hours, and;

Whereas, the governing board provided at least 10 days notice of the public hearing posted in at least three public places within the district that stated the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and;

Whereas, the governing board encouraged participation by parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders (if the district or county office has a bargaining unit) in the public hearing, and;

Whereas, information provided at the public hearing and to the governing board at the public meeting detailed the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district/county office of education, and;

Whereas, the definition of “sufficient textbooks or instructional materials” means that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, and;

Whereas, sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, **that are aligned to the academic content standards and** consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks.

Whereas, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and;

Whereas, laboratory science equipment was **available** for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive;

Therefore, it is resolved that for the 2026/27 school year, the Holtville Unified School District/county office of education has provided each pupil with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials **aligned to the academic content standards and** consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

I declare that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Holtville Unified School District Board of Trustees at their special meeting on October 8th, 2026

Celso Ruiz, Authorized Agent
Holtville Unified School District
Board of Trustees

FOR A FINDING OF INSUFFICIENT MATERIALS:

Whereas, the definition of “sufficient textbooks or instructional materials” means that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, and;

Whereas, information provided at the public hearing and to the governing board at the public meeting detailed that insufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to pupils in the following subjects and grade levels at district schools:

*For each school list the **percentage of students in each subject and grade levels and the titles of the textbooks or instructional materials for which insufficiencies exist in mathematics, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, foreign language, and health.***

(NOTE: The determinations in foreign language and health are not a condition of receipt of instructional materials funds.)

Whereas, the insufficient textbooks or instructional materials listed above were not provided at each school due to the following reasons:

(For each school at which there is an insufficiency list the reasons why each pupil does not have sufficient instructional materials in each subject and grade level listed above.)

Therefore, it is resolved, that for the 2026-27 school year, the Holtville Unified School District/county office of education has not provided each pupil with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum framework, and;

Be it further resolved, that the following actions will be taken to ensure that all students have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in all subjects **that are aligned to the academic content standards and** consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks within two months of the beginning of the school year in which this determination is made.

(List actions to be taken – see Education Code Section 60119(a.2.B) for other funds that may be used to insure sufficient instructional materials)

MEMORANDUM

Finley

To: Principals
Date: September 29, 2026
Subject: Sufficient or Insufficient Instructional Materials

In compliance with *Education Code Section 60119*, a public hearing must be held on or before the eighth week of school to certify that there is a sufficiency of instructional materials. The Public Hearing will be held during the October 8th, 2026 Board Meeting.

Please complete the survey and certification form. I must have the survey and certification back before ASAP. The survey forms are attached for elementary, middle and the high school.

The following are the areas required to have a sufficiency
K-12 Grade Levels

- Mathematics – Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Science - Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- History-social science - Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No

The governing board must also include written determination for the following areas, though these determinations are not a condition of receipt of funds:

Middle and High School

- G Foreign language - Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- G Health classes - Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- G Science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive; (provide details on the science laboratory equipment available for these classes) Sufficiency: ☒ Yes ☐ No

FOR A FINDING OF SUFFICIENT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

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Signature of Principal

MEMORANDUM

HMS

To: Principals
Date: September 29, 2026
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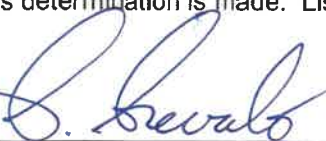
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Samantha Williams

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MEMORANDUM

Sam Webb

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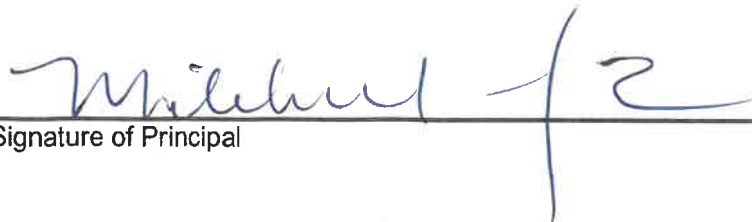
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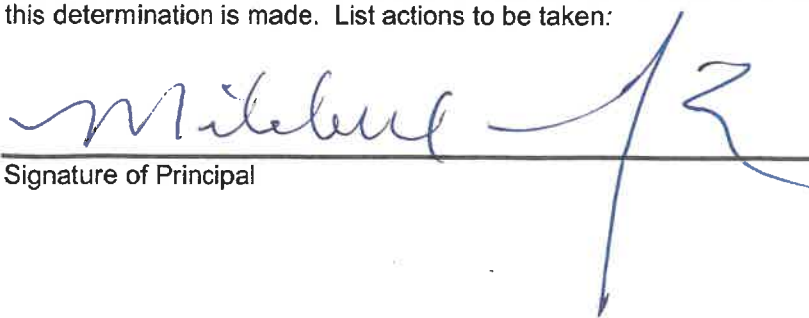
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Contract/Proposal

A.M. DESERT STORM CONCRETE

PO BOX 27 Holtville CA 92250

Phone (760) 356-2095

License# 715886

Fax (760) 356-2400

Alex Madriaga, President
alexmadriaga@sbcglobal.net

September 19, 2026

Holtville High School
755 Olive Ave.
Holtville, CA 92250
ATTN: Celso Ruiz
celso@husd.net

Project: Holtville High School

We propose to furnish all material and perform all labor necessary to complete the following:

Freezer foundation

Saw cut, demo, dispose existing concrete for new 16'x20'6" concrete, 4" crusher fine, 6 mil. visq., 6x6x6 heavy wire mats with 2" spacer blocks, 12" toe footing and 4000 PSI concrete with fiber \$16,000.00

Between freezer and fence concrete fill 8'x18'x5" concrete \$5,700.00

Total labor and materials \$21,700.00

All the above work to be completed in a substantial and workman like manner according to standard practice for the sum of : **\$21,700.00**

A.M. Desert Storm has implemented and maintains employee safety programs as required by current CAL-OSHA regulations, including the Injury and Illness Prevention Program mandated by SB 198 and HAZ-COM procedures per 29 CFR (1910-1220). A.M. Desert Storm maintains a safe drug-free work environment. (*) Annual 24% service charge on past due amounts. Attorney fees and court costs charged if action brought to enforce collection.
All prices are good for 30 days.

Progress of payments to be made upon agreement and final payment upon completion.

CHANGE ORDERS

Any alterations or deviations from the above materials and or labor will only be executed upon written orders for same, and will become an extra charge over the sum mentioned in this contract. All agreements must be in writing.

ACCEPTANCE

You are hereby authorized to furnish all specifications involving extra cost of materials and labor required to complete the work mentioned in the above proposal for which I, agree to pay the amount mentioned in said proposal and according to the terms thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature: 

Alex Madriaga, President

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Notice: "Under the Mechanic's Lien Law, any contractor, subcontractor, laborer, supplier or other person who helps to improve your property but is not paid for his work or supplies, has a right to enforce a claim against your property. This means that, after a court hearing, your property could be sold by a court officer and the proceeds of the sale used to satisfy the indebtedness. This can happen even if you have paid your own contractor in full, if the subcontractor, laborer or supplier remains unpaid."

Notice: Contractors are required by law to be licensed and regulated by the Contractor's State License Board. Any questions concerning a contractor may be referred to the registrar of the board whose address is:

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Holtville Unified School District
621 E. 5th St.
Holtville, CA 92250
760-356-1250 Office
760-356-5387 Fax
ATTN: Celso
celso@husd.net

Project: Finley School – Cafeteria

We propose to furnish all material and perform all labor necessary to complete the following:

Refrigerator/freezer foundation

12'x40'x6" concrete, 4" crusher fine, 6 mil. visq., 6x6x6x6 heavy wire mats with 2" spacer blocks, 12" toe footing and 4000 PSI concrete with fiber

\$22,500.00

6'x40'x5" concrete (same detail)

\$10,800.00

Total labor and materials (prevailing wage)

\$33,300.00

All of the above work to be completed in a substantial and workman like manner according to standard practice for the sum of : **\$33,300.00**

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Signature



Title **President**

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

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760-356-5387 Fax
ATTN: Celso
celso@husd.net

Project: Finley School

We propose to furnish all material and perform all labor necessary to complete the following:

Storage container

9'x46'x6" concrete, 4" crusher fine, 6 mil. visq., 6x6x6 heavy wire mats with 2" spacer blocks, 12" toe footing and 4000 PSI concrete with fiber \$15,750.00

Side door walkway
5'x13'x5" concrete \$2,750.00

Total labor and materials (prevailing wage) \$18,500.00

All of the above work to be completed in a substantial and workman like manner according to standard practice for the sum of : **\$18,500.00**

A.M. Desert Storm has implemented and maintains employee safety programs as required by current CAL-OSHA regulations, including the Injury and Illness Prevention Program mandated by SB 198 and HAZ-COM procedures per 29 CFR (1910-1220). A.M. Desert Storm maintains a safe drug free work environment. (*) Annual 24% service charge on past due amounts. Attorney fees and court costs charged if action brought to enforce collection. **All prices good for 30 days.**

Progress of payments to be made upon agreement and final payment upon completion.

CHANGE ORDERS

Any alterations or deviations from the above materials and or labor will only be executed upon written orders for same, and will become an extra charge over the sum mentioned in this contract. All agreements must be in writing.
Respectfully submitted,

ACCEPTANCE

You are hereby authorized to furnish all specifications involving extra cost of materials and labor required to complete the work mentioned in the above proposal for which I, agree to pay the amount mentioned in said proposal and according to the terms thereof.

Signature: _____ Title **President** Accepted By: _____ Date: _____

Notice: "Under the Mechanic's Lien Law, any contractor, subcontractor, laborer, supplier or other person who helps to improve your property but is not paid for his work or supplies, has a right to enforce a claim against your property. This means that, after a court hearing, your property could be sold by a court officer and proceeds of the sale used to satisfy the indebtedness. This can happen even if you have paid your own contractor in full, if the subcontractor, laborer or supplier remains unpaid."

Notice: Contractors are required by law to be licensed and regulated by the Contractor's State License Board. Any questions concerning a contractor may be referred to the registrar of the board whose address is:

Contractor's State License Board, 9821 Business Park Drive, Sacramento, California 95827

Policy 5141.75: Weather Safety

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Governing Board recognizes that extreme weather may pose significant risks to the health and safety of students participating in physical activities during extreme weather conditions, including students who are at higher risk of health impacts from extreme weather. The Board desires to protect students from such risks. Additionally, because children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and artificial sources, the Board desires to support the prevention of harmful effects of excessive UV radiation exposure by students and to assist students in developing sun-safe habits to use throughout their lives.

Extreme weather conditions means occurrences of unusually severe weather conditions, including, but not limited to, periods of extreme heat, excessive precipitation, and floods, that may pose significant harm to students. (Education Code 33355)

Physical activity means physical education classes, sports, and athletic practices and games sponsored by a district, except for those relating to an interscholastic athletic program administered by the California Interscholastic Federation. (Education Code 33355)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, maintain, and implement weather protocols for extreme weather conditions, which incorporate the standardized guidelines compiled by the California Department of Education and detail specific measures to be taken during extreme weather conditions, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 33355)

1. Clear criteria for determining when weather conditions are considered extreme weather conditions and warrant modification or cessation of outdoor physical activities
2. Procedures for monitoring weather forecasts and alerts to anticipate extreme weather conditions
3. Protocols for communicating with staff, students, and parents/guardians regarding changes to outdoor activities due to extreme weather conditions
4. Designation of indoor alternative activities that can be safely conducted during extreme weather conditions
5. Staff training on recognizing signs of weather-related distress in students and appropriate response measures
6. Coordination with relevant local agencies and experts to ensure timely access to weather-related information and resources

The district's weather protocols may include:

1. Considering air quality conditions when determining whether outdoor physical activity should be modified
2. Maintaining air quality index thresholds for reducing or discontinuing strenuous outdoor activities
3. Having procedures for relocating activities indoors during periods of poor air quality or wildfire smoke
4. Identifying and maintaining adequate mitigation resources, such as shade structures, hydrations stations, and indoor cooling areas
5. Providing equitable access to mitigation measures across school sites

6. Planning for flexible scheduling to accommodate weather variability

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review, evaluate, and, if necessary, update the weather protocols to incorporate best practices and address any emerging concerns or challenges, and to reflect changes in weather patterns, advances in safety practices, and feedback from stakeholders. (Education Code 33355)

Sun Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a developmentally appropriate prevention/intervention program for grades transitional kindergarten-12 to prevent student overexposure to UV radiation. The Superintendent or designee may coordinate sun safety and UV radiation education and policy efforts with the California Department of Public Health, the local health department, and other local agencies and/or community organizations. Such school-based programs shall involve students, parents/guardians, and the community.

The Superintendent or designee may incorporate sun safety elements into the curriculum in order to increase students' understanding of the health risks associated with overexposure to UV radiation from the sun or artificial sources and to encourage students to engage in preventive practices.

Students may take reasonable measures to protect their skin and eyes from overexposure to the sun while on campus, while attending district-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees.

To encourage and assist students to avoid overexposure to the sun when they are outdoors, students will be encouraged to:

1. Wear sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats (Education Code 35183.5)
2. Wear UV-protective sunglasses outdoors
3. Use sunscreen during the school day without a physician's note or prescription (Education Code 35183.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the adequacy of shaded and/or indoor areas for recreation at each school and consider the provision of sufficient shaded areas in plans for new construction or modernization of facilities.

The Superintendent or designee may monitor the UV Index and modify outdoor school activities with regard to the risk of harm associated with the Index level.

Staff shall be encouraged to model recommended sun-safe behaviors, such as avoiding excessive sun exposure, using sunscreen, and wearing hats and other sun-protective clothing.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff and parents/guardians of the district's sun safety measures and encourage parents/guardians to provide sunscreen, lip balm, hats, and other sun-protective clothing for their children to use at school. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may provide information to parents/guardians about the risks of overexposure to UV radiation and preventive measures they may take to protect their children during nonschool hours.
