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**RE: Annual Academic Performance Report for Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary School District**

Dear State Board of Education,

The Kings County Office of Education (KCOE) submits the attached annual academic performance report as part of the oversight agreement between the California State Board of Education and KCOE. This report was prepared by Cathlene Anderson, Superintendent of Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary School District (KR-H), and reviewed by KCOE staff.

**County Office Oversight**

The County Office of Education charter team conducted an oversight visit to KR-H on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

Our office did not issue any notices or letters of concern.

Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary Charter School District demonstrates strong and improving academic outcomes, with students performing well above state standards in both ELA and math and showing consistent growth across all student groups. The district is also making meaningful progress in closing achievement gaps, particularly for socioeconomically disadvantaged and Hispanic students, who have shown notable gains, including moving from below to above standard in mathematics. In addition to these academic strengths, the district maintains a positive and supportive school climate, as reflected in its very low suspension rate and overall focus on student well-being. This is further supported by strong family and community engagement, with high levels of parent participation and intentional efforts to expand stakeholder input. The district's commitment to a well-rounded educational program, including STEM, arts, athletics, and one-to-one technology, also highlights its focus on supporting both academic success and the development of the whole child.

The Kings County Office of Education appreciates the ongoing opportunity to provide oversight to Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary School District in service to Kings County students and families.

Respectfully submitted,

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