

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This is to advise that the Kern High School District (District) has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be held at the Kern High School District – Board of Trustees meeting on February 2, 2026.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Kern High School – Board of Trustees will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the Board's meeting to be held on February 2, 2026. Presentations will be made at approximately 7:00pm. Action on items on the board agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held in the Board Room Building, Kern High School District, 5801 Sundale Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

Project Name

Vista Continuation High School Modernization

Project Location

200 P Street, south of 4th Street in Bakersfield, California

Project Description

The District proposes to update the existing Vista Continuation High School (VCHS or high school) campus to enhance the learning experience and offer new and modern amenities for the student population and faculty, as well as improve the overall use of the existing property. The Project proposes to demolish the existing buildings, internal access roads, parking lots and courtyard to construct new buildings, outdoor recreational spaces and relocate existing ballfields on the existing 15.5-acre Project site in Bakersfield, California. All proposed construction will occur on previously disturbed ground and developed campus grounds and primary access will remain on P Street.

The student enrollment at VCHS was 210 students in 2024. While the Project will increase the student population to approximately 440 students and up to 5 additional staff, the increase in the student and faculty population will occur over time and not immediately after construction is complete. Based on the current student population, it is anticipated that approximately 53 percent of students will be bused to the school while the remaining 47 percent will be driven and dropped off, will drive their own vehicles or will walk to school each day.

The District is proposing the construction of four conventionally framed buildings for the following uses: 1) a gymnasium, 2) a multi-purpose and cafeteria building, 3) an administration building and 4) a two-story classroom building with library. Additionally, the Project will include a pre-fabricated field house/concessions building of approximately 1,334 square feet. The total combined building square footage is approximately 50,000 square feet. The Project also proposes a central outdoor courtyard, two outdoor basketball courts, adequate parking for staff, visitors, and students, drop off lanes, access and fire lanes, outdoor lighting and the relocation of three existing ballfields. The high school will incorporate the use of renewable solar energy generated by rooftop solar and/or solar panel covered parking to offset the school's current energy demand.

Project Timeline

Construction of the Project would occur over a maximum of 12 to 18 months. It is anticipated that the following pieces of equipment would be used during construction activities:

- Roller
- Loaded trucks
- Excavator
- Generator
- Service truck
- Air compressor

The document(s) referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review between the hours of 7:30am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at the Superintendent's Office, Kern High School District located at 5801 Sundale Avenue, in Bakersfield, CA 93309, CA.

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on December 8, 2025, and ended on January 5, 2026. For further information, please contact Jaymie Brauer at (661) 616-2600 or jaymie.brauer@qkinc.com.