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## Press Release

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### **PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIFIES CONTRACT WITH TEACHERS**

The Palmdale Elementary Teachers' Association (PETA) and the District have a three-year Contract.

The Contract includes a 4% on salary increase and an additional 2% increase to extend the work year by two days in order to provide professional development for teachers with a 5% off schedule salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2015.

Effective July 1, 2016, teachers will receive an additional 7.8% salary increase for an additional 24 minutes of instruction per day. Intermediate Schools serving 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will transition over to Middle Schools serving 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with 2016 as the pilot year introducing 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Middle School. Middle School students will receive an additional class period per day that will allow them the opportunity to enroll in two elective classes. In addition, the District will offer full day transitional kindergarten and full day kindergarten programs across the District. The District will also provide single subject PE teachers for all our Elementary Schools.

"Throughout the school year 2015-2016, I have been visiting schools and meeting with our stakeholders. With our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) process, parents have been requesting additional services for our students. Per the new teacher contract, we have been able to come to an agreement to provide additional student services. We are making a mutual commitment to our students, parents and staff," stated Raul Maldonado, Superintendent of Schools.

"The Palmdale Elementary Teachers Association is pleased to accept the 2015-2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement with our School District," said Hugo Estrada, PETA President. "We are excited to start a physical education program in the elementary schools and look forward to offering extra choices to our middle school students. This is a direct result of our community's support at the ballot box. This contract was made possible by the passage of Proposition 30, the continued partnership with our District, and the vision of our current Board of Trustees. This contract re-affirms our association's

commitment to our community to provide more services to our students as we support the Palmdale Promise.”

“To continue this progress, we ask the community to support the Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.” Estrada added.

Chad Gray, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources commented, “The District appreciates the hard work of our instructional staff. They work tirelessly to provide the support and education that our students deserve. I am excited as the students and teachers will greatly benefit as a direct result of this contract.”

Juan Carrillo, Palmdale School District Board President stated, “We, at the Palmdale School District, are fully committed to the Palmdale Promise and this three-year contract outlines the services that our community is asking for our children. It is our commitment to continue to work hard to offer our children better opportunities in their academic path, a brighter future, and an unforgettable experience at the Palmdale School District. A todos los padres de familia, muchas gracias por su apoyo y por creer en nosotros, LA Mesa Directiva. (Parents, thank you for your support and for believing in us, The Board of Trustees).”

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