



KIT CARSON

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Kit Carson community members:

In the upcoming weeks the Kit Carson Union School District Board of trustees will be discussing and adopting new Trustee Area boundaries in light of the 2010 Federal Census.

Every ten (10) years school districts must determine if population changes within the trustee areas require redistricting. The school district is mandated by law to adjust area boundaries if population is not apportioned equally among the five trustee areas. The equal protection clauses of the United States and California Constitutions require that each person's vote be entitled to substantially equal representation from his or her representatives. *Reynolds v. Sims* (1964) 84 S.Ct. 1362, 1381. This is known as the "one person, one vote" rule. Absolute equality is not required, but equal protection demands that the trustee districts be apportioned as equal as possible. After a preliminary review, we have determined that we must undertake the process of redistricting.

Because this decision has an effect on you as you as a registered voter in the Kit Carson Union School District, we would like to personally invite you to participate in the process to ensure that your concerns are addressed. We therefore, encourage you to attend the public hearings scheduled for **October 19th, at 7:00 pm and on November 2nd at 7:00 pm.** Both public hearings will be at the District Office located at 9895 7th Avenue in Hanford, CA. This is an opportunity for you to address the Board with your support, concerns, suggestions and any other comments you may have on the redistricting plan.

All materials relating to the redistricting plan are available Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and may be obtained by calling, 559-582-2843, or visiting the Kit Carson Union School District Office at 9895 7th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation and look forward to seeing you at the public hearings.

Very truly yours,

Todd Barlow, Superintendent

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