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Dear Rosamond High School students and staff,

This notice is to inform the Rosamond High School community that the school has recently received funding from the State of California as part of the "Bottled Water for Schools Program" to provide students and staff with bottled drinking water. This water will be delivered regularly throughout the school year and will be the primary source of hydration for students and staff.

As you may know, arsenic has been detected at a concentration above the primary drinking water standard. As we begin providing bottled water on campus, we will be turning off all drinking fountains around campus, and bottled water will become the source of drinking water for students and staff.

Southern Kern Unified School District is working with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Division of Drinking Water towards a long-term solution which includes physical consolidation with the neighboring Rosamond Community Services District. The school district anticipates resolving the problem within two years. For more information, please contact Robert Irving at (661) 256-5000 x1125 or rirving@skusd.k12.ca.us.

This is intended as an informational notice letting you know that water accessibility will be available through various bottled water stations located throughout campus.

Rosamond High School strives to create a safe learning and working environment for its students and staff. The implementation of bottled water delivery will ensure students and staff are provided water that meets primary drinking water standards and can stay properly hydrated. As an eco-friendly approach, we encourage everyone to bring refillable water bottles.

We appreciate all of our families and the constant support we receive to continue to cultivate the positive, healthy environment where our students can thrive. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bottled water delivery services, please contact Robert Irving at rivving@skusd.k12.ca.us or via phone at 661-256-5000 x1125.

Sincerely,

Robert Irving

Chief Business Officer Southern Kern Unified