



Kern High School District Secures Over \$56 Million in Grant Funding with California Consulting's Expertise

Kern High School District (KHSD), in partnership with California Consulting, Inc., has achieved a remarkable milestone—securing \$56,579,662 in competitive grant funding over the past seven years. This long-standing collaboration has produced a 14,827% return on investment, directly benefiting the district's students, staff, and facilities.

At the heart of this success is Kern High School District's forward-thinking leadership and commitment to student-centered innovation. By identifying strategic priorities and fostering a culture of collaboration, KHSD's administrators worked closely with Dr. Julie High, Senior Project Manager at California Consulting, to craft competitive grant applications that reflect the district's bold vision for educational excellence.

Superintendent Michael Zulfa praised the results of the partnership:

"These grants are helping us reimagine education in Kern County—from expanding learning time and strengthening community connections to investing in clean energy and future-ready students. We are deeply grateful for the outstanding work and dedication of California Consulting and Dr. Julie High."

Among the many grants awarded, several major programs stand out:

-  CDE - Community Schools Partnership Program – \$21,137,500

This transformative initiative will help KHSD expand wraparound services, connect students with mental health resources, and engage families to create stronger school communities.

-  EPA - Clean School Bus Program – \$15,405,000

A significant environmental and operational win, this grant allows the district to modernize its transportation fleet with low- and zero-emission school buses, reducing pollution and improving student health.

-  CDE - Learning Communities for School Success Program – \$3,599,454

This grant supports efforts to improve school climate, increase student engagement, and reduce chronic absenteeism through evidence-based strategies and multi-tiered systems of support.

-  CDE - Career Technical Education Facilities Grant – \$2,080,998.94

Funding will be used to enhance and modernize KHSD's CTE facilities, creating industry-aligned learning spaces that prepare students for high-demand careers.

-  CDE - 21st Century ASSETs Grant Program – \$1,018,000

Focused on providing high-quality after-school enrichment for high school students, this grant supports tutoring, college readiness, and workforce development programming.

*“We’re proud to have partnered with Kern High School District for the past seven years. Their commitment to student achievement, innovation, and equity is evident in every initiative. It’s an honor to help bring resources that drive those goals forward,” said **Dr. Julie High, Senior Project Manager at California Consulting.***

Kern High School District continues to lead by example, showing how strategic planning and expert grant writing can unlock transformative opportunities for students and staff alike.
