Date: July 23, 2020

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

for the El Solyo Ranch Elementary School

The Patterson Unified School District intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines.

Project Title: El Solyo Ranch Elementary School Project

Lead Agency: Patterson Unified School District

510 Keystone Blvd Patterson, CA 95363

**Project Location:** The proposed project site is located 19.5 acres north of the existing Walnut Grove School (grades K-8) in northeast Patterson, Stanislaus County, California. The proposed Site of El Solyo Ranch Elementary School, located west of North Hartley Street and between Olive Avenue and Walnut Avenue is situated on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 047-031-006-000 and 047-031-005-000. The Site is located within the city limits of Patterson in Section 19 of Township: 5S, Range: 8E and latitude/longitude: 37.486931°, -121.129979°.

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes the construction of a new elementary school in Patterson, California.

**Environmental Review Process:** The Patterson Unified School District has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The IS/MND describes the proposed El Solyo Ranch Elementary School project and provides an assessment of the project's potential impacts on the environment. The IS/MND concludes that any potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project can be avoided, eliminated, or reduced to a level that is less than significant by the adoption and implementation of specified mitigation measures.

**Public Review Period**: The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days starting August 5, 2020. Written comments should be submitted and received at the following address no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2020:

Phillip Alfano, Superintendent Patterson Unified School District 510 Keystone Blvd Patterson, CA 95363 A copy of the draft IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Stanislaus County Library Patterson Branch Library 46 N Salado Patterson, CA 95363
- Patterson Unified School District Website: http://www.patterson.k12.ca.us