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Fresno Unified Pay Outpaces Inflation and COLA

Fresno Unified values our teachers and is proud of the offer we have made to the Fresno Teachers Association (FTA), which estimates taking the average teacher salary into the six figures. Any claims that Fresno Unified salary increases are not keeping up with the rate of inflation or the state funded LCFF cost of living adjustment (COLA) are untrue.

Attached are two graphics with data showcasing that Fresno Unified salary increases have outpaced both the rate of inflation and the COLA. Since the 2013/14 school year, Fresno Unified has provided their staff with a total of 32.7% in salary increases, not including any step, column, or longevity salary increases teachers receive. During that same period of time the total inflation rate was 30.7% and the state funded LCFF COLA totaled 26.9%.

Another graphic shows an example of a teacher’s salary increases who started with Fresno Unified in the 2013/14 school year on column three, step one (an average starting place for many new teachers). With Fresno Unified’s offer to the FTA, this sample teacher would be estimated to make more than $103,000 in the 2025/26 school year.

Fresno Unified values its teachers and is proud of the strong salary and benefits provided to teachers. Fresno Unified’s offer to the FTA continues to improve upon that solid foundation ensuring Fresno Unified teachers are some of the best paid locally and statewide.

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