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Fresno Unified and Fresno Teachers Association to Begin Interest-Based Bargaining

On November 18, 2022, the bargaining teams from the Fresno Teachers Association and Fresno Unified School District met in the sixth bargaining session where they discussed the following:

- Ground rules for interest-based bargaining (IBB);
- Clarifying information requests; current and outstanding;
- Provide additional interest items; and
- Confirm future dates for bargaining.

The ground rules set the stage for IBB for the collective bargaining process, which is a negotiations strategy where the parties work collaboratively to develop solutions to identified interests rather than exchange proposals based on each respective party’s position. The goal is to brainstorm ideas and come up with innovative solutions that will transform the education for our students, while supporting our staff and community.

Fresno Unified has contacted the California Public Employment Relations Board and the parties both agreed to complete two IBB training sessions by the end of February 2023.

The next IBB session will be on January 17, 2023, 4-7pm, and will be livestreamed.

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