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**DA HESTRIN TO JOIN WITH STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATION LEADERS AT
CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM CONFERENCE TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

RIVERSIDE -- District Attorney Mike Hestrin will join Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Kenneth M. Young and others at the 4th Annual Chronic Absenteeism Conference being held Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, in Moreno Valley.

This annual conference is a county initiative bringing together schools, community, and statewide leaders to strengthen the connection between school attendance and academic achievement through research-based practices and strategies.

“The importance of this conference to discuss best practices for keeping our youth in school cannot be stressed enough. There most certainly is a link between school attendance and the success of our youth later in life,” said District Attorney Mike Hestrin. “When I took office in January 2015, one of the first things I did was form our Crime Prevention Unit. That unit, and the DA’s Office as a whole, work closely with our schools and our community to help keep our youth in the classroom and out of our judicial system.”

Opening remarks will be given by DA Hestrin, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Kenneth M. Young, and Jesus M. Holguin, Moreno Valley Unified School District governing board president.

“When school districts focus resources and use research-based strategies, attendance rates increase and chronic absenteeism decreases due to targeting and addressing the need rather than strictly using punitive measures,” Superintendent Kenneth M. Young said.

The keynote speaker will be Gordon Jackson, director of coordinated student support division at the California Department of Education. His team is responsible for coordinating funding processes and providing technical assistance for a wide array of statewide programs.

The conference begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. and then includes a full day of workshops from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$100 and includes breakfast, lunch, and event materials. Online registration is available at: <http://rcoe.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=115268>.

The conference will be held at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center, 14075 Frederick St., Moreno Valley.

For more information on the conference, please contact Catherine Belcher, administrative assistant, Riverside County Office of Education at (951) 826-6321; or Jasmine Marquez, at the Riverside County DA’s Office at (951) 358-3764.

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