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Honorable Charles Margines Presiding Judge of the Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re:

Garden Grove Unified School District Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Ouch! – Now That Didn't Hurt: The Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB277 in Orange County Schools"

Dear Judge Margines:

In compliance with Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), listed below are Garden Grove Unified School District's (GGUSD) responses to the findings and recommendations:

Finding 1: The impact of SB277 on school districts in Orange County was minimal. Districts were prepared and staffed with well trained personnel. **GGUSD agrees with this finding.**

Finding 2: There were very few problems that arose with medical exemptions for vaccinations. Health clerks and school nurses were able to handle any discrepancies. **GGUSD agrees with this finding.**

Finding 3: Personal belief exemptions that were grandfathered in are professionally tracked with timely notifications to parents as to when vaccinations are due to be completed. **GGUSD agrees with this finding.**

Finding 4: Orange County school districts made every effort to make vaccination information available using social media, direct mailings and links on school websites to clinics in the area. **GGUSD agrees with this finding.**

Finding 5: School nurses, LVNs and health clerks directly notified the parents of students with vaccination lapses and those requiring boosters for pre-K, kindergarten and 7th grade well in advance of the due dates. **GGUSD agrees with this finding.**

Recommendation 1: School districts should continue to track students with grandfathered personal belief exemptions to ensure these students have the required vaccinations before they reach the next reporting levels. The recommendation has been implemented and is tracked electronically and in the students' files.

Recommendation 2: Districts should continue to monitor student vaccination percentages to maintain the threshold defined by the CDPH. The recommendation has been implemented and procedures are in place to monitor system-generated reports.

Sincerely

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Orange County Grand Jury