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September 9, 2024

Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Buena Park School District's Response to the 2023-24 Orange County Grand Jury Report on *Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public Schools (K-12)*

To the Orange County Grand Jury:

The Buena Park School District commends the Grand Jury for its time and attention devoted to studying this very important issue and publishing the Grand Jury Report dated June 12, 2024, entitled: *Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public Schools (K-12)* ("Report").

The District has thoroughly reviewed and considered the Findings and Recommendations in the Report. In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Grand Jury has requested that the District respond to the Findings and Recommendations made in the Report. The District responds to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations with the following:

Finding 1

Orange County's K-12 public schools have implemented policies and/or guidelines around the use of different AI platforms in varying and inconsistent ways. Some prohibit AI's use; others allow it; and some don't have policies or guidelines governing AI at all.

The District agrees with the finding.



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Finding 2

Superintendents provide varying levels of support in implementing AI policies and/or guidelines in their respective school districts.

The District agrees with this finding.

Finding 3

There are many resources to guide educators in using AI. Several are available at the local level through the Orange County Department of Education, Orange County Board of Education, CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County, and Orange Unified School District Technology Department, to name a few. However, utilization and even awareness of the availability of such resources is highly variable across school districts.

The District agrees with this finding.

The District does not have firsthand information regarding the utilization and awareness of the availability of AI resources across school districts. As it pertains to Buena Park School District, it should be noted that Buena Park School District is aware of the resources provided by the Orange County Department of Education through the participation of the Orange County AI series of professional learning meetings held during the 2023-24 school year.

Recommendation 1

By June 30, 2025, Orange County's K-12 schools should implement policies and guidelines regarding the appropriate use of AI. These may be provided at the district level or within individual schools through the adoption of an Acceptable Use Policy, Code of Ethics, or other written directives addressing the use of AI.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.



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The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by June 30, 2025, with the following action plan:

Buena Park School District will have an approved Board Policy and Administrative Regulations regarding the acceptable use of AI.

Recommendation 2

Superintendents should ensure that their schools have policies that cover, at a minimum: the scope, guiding principles, and training regarding the responsible use of AI tools by students and teachers; any prohibited uses of special considerations regarding AI tools; and related security, privacy, and safety considerations.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by June 30, 2025, with the following action plan:

The Buena Park School District Superintendent will disseminate a comprehensive plan of implementation of Board Policy and Regulations that include but are not limited to the following:

- Adopted Board Policy
- Guiding principles
- Precautions for security
- Safety measures for adults and students
- Acceptable use by adults
- Acceptable use by students
- Ongoing professional learning for all district and site leaders
- Ongoing training for teachers
- Ongoing training for students
- Ongoing training for parents



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Recommendation 3

K-12 students should be trained on the appropriate use of AI.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by June 30, 2025, with the following action plan:

Buena Park School District will have full implementation of this recommendation, which will include developmentally appropriate training for all K-8 grade students related to the appropriate and responsible use of AI resources in accordance with board policy

Recommendation 4

K-12 teachers should be trained on the appropriate use of AI.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by June 30, 2025, with the following action plan:

Buena Park School District will have full implementation of this recommendation, which will include developmentally appropriate training for all K-8 grade teachers related to the appropriate and responsible use of AI resources in accordance with board policy.

Recommendation 5

Schools and educators should be encouraged to collaborate with the various available AI consortiums and think tanks, such as OCDE and CLAOC, to effectively implement AI and establish basic tenets for its use.

The recommendation has been implemented.

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The District has implemented this recommendation as follows:

Buena Park School District participated in the OCDE series of OC AI professional learning meetings held during the 2023-24 school year. The district will continue to participate in the 2024-25 series of OC AI meetings.

Please accept the information provided herein as the District's responses to the Orange County Grand Jury's Factual Findings and Recommendation in the Report. Once again, we appreciate the time and attention that the Grand Jury devoted to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julianne Lee".

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