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

Re: Anaheim Elementary 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 Anaheim Elementary 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 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 partially disagrees with the finding.

The District cannot comment on other districts' policies and/or
guidelines around the use of AI platforms. As it pertains to Anaheim
Elementary School District, we have not implemented a policy and/or
guidelines around the use of AI platforms.

Finding 2

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

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The District partially disagrees with the finding.

The District cannot comment on other districts' policies and/or guidelines around the use of AI platforms. As it pertains to Anaheim Elementary School District, we have initiated the process of developing language around AI messaging, guidelines and policies. The District is currently transitioning to a new Superintendent as of July 1, 2024 who will also be involved in the development of new guidelines and policies.

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 partially disagrees with the finding.

The District cannot comment on other districts' policies and/or guidelines around the use of AI platforms. As it pertains to Anaheim Elementary School District, we are participating in OCDE AI Forward network and are developing professional development for our district staff.

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.

The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by June 30, 2025, with the following action plan:
- The District will deliver an AI message with information and basic recommendations for its use.
- The District will provide guidelines for appropriate AI use by all staff members,
- The District will revise and adopt an AI policy that is reflected in the Employee Use of Technology Agreement to include 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 District will revise and adopt an AI policy that is reflected in the Employee Use of Technology Agreement to include the scope, guiding principles, and training regarding the responsible use of AI tools by teachers and staff; any prohibited uses of special considerations regarding AI tools; and related security, privacy, and safety considerations.
- The District will establish cohorts and offer regular professional development opportunities to teaching staff specifically focusing on the use of AI tools and abiding by the Employee Use of Technology Agreement.

Recommendation 3

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

The recommendation requires further analysis.

The District determined that this recommendation requires further analysis for the following reasons:

- Currently the District does not intend to specifically train students on the appropriate use of AI, as most commercial products are not intended for those under the age of thirteen. Ongoing analysis will take place as more programs become available, adhering to state and federal regulations.
- Currently the District is using Common Sense lessons with sixth grade students on AI basics.

> The District's further analysis regarding this recommendation will be completed and reviewed by the District's superintendent, who will inform the governing board before December 13, 2024.

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:
> - The District will establish cohorts and offer regular professional development opportunities to teaching staff specifically focusing on the use of AI tools and abiding by the Employee Use of Technology Agreement.

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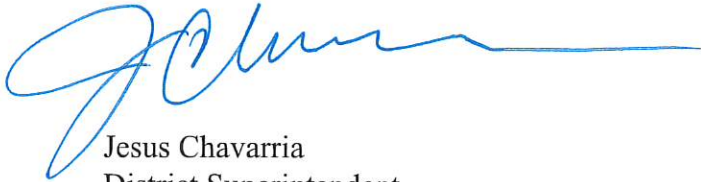
The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

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

- Schools and educators are always encouraged to collaborate with available entities and make use of best practices that impact teaching and learning while adhering to Employee Use of Technology Agreement.
- The District will establish and provide opportunities for ongoing collaboration around AI.
- The District will establish cohorts and offer regular professional development opportunities to teaching staff specifically focusing on the use of AI tools and abiding by the Employee Use of Technology Agreement.

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,

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District Superintendent