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The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez Presiding Judge Orange County Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Magnolia 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 Honorable Maria D. Hernandez:

The Magnolia School District (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, which is detailed in the following pages.

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.

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.

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 been implemented.

The District has implemented this recommendation by updating the following documents to address Artificial Intelligence for students, parents and staff:

- Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
- Employee Internet and Network Guidelines
- Employee Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
- Student/Parent Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.

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.

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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:

- Step 1: Gather and analyze appropriate materials and training programs for students and teachers.
- Step 2: Set dates for student and teacher training(s).
- Step 3: Review and update guidelines and policies as appropriate.

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:

- Step 1: Gather and analyze appropriate training programs for elementary aged students.
- Step 2: Set dates for student training.
- Step 3: Review the implementation of Artificial Intelligence guidelines as appropriate.

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:

- Step 1: Gather and analyze appropriate training programs for teachers and staff in the elementary setting.
- Step 2: Set dates for staff training.
- Step 3: Review the implementation of Artificial Intelligence guidelines as appropriate.

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.

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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:

Step 1: Gather and analyze the available Artificial Intelligence think tanks and consortiums focused on elementary education.

Step 2: Disseminate appropriate consortiums and think tank list to elementary staff.

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,

Superintendent

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