



MARIPOSA COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mariposa County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 789
Mariposa, CA 95338

RE: **2021-2022 MARIPOSA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT**
Mariposa County Unified School District Response

Dear Mariposa County Grand Jury:

On behalf of the Governing Board ("Board") of the Mariposa County Unified School District ("District"), this shall serve as the District's response to the 2021-2022 Mariposa County Grand Jury ("Grand Jury") Final Report issued on June 28, 2022. The District's responses to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations are set forth below in accordance with the format required by Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chappell
Board President
Mariposa County Unified School District

Enclosure: Response to Findings/Response to Recommendations

cc: Honorable Michael M. Fagalde, Judge,
Superior Court of California, Mariposa County

Reviewed:

Honorable Michael A Fagalde, Per PC933

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RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

Finding F1: A School Board Member made a motion and voted on it when the subject involved a relative.

The District agrees with this finding.

Finding F2: School Superintendent and School Board Members must avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest in order to maintain public trust.

The District agrees with this finding.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation R1: School Board Members should recuse themselves from making motions or voting on matters that involve a conflict of interest or give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

This recommendation will be immediately implemented.

Recommendation R2: The language in the bylaws should be written to more clearly define conflict of interest, and the process to determine if a conflict of interest exists.

The District, like most school districts in the State of California, utilizes the services of the California School Boards Association ("CSBA")¹ related to the creation, adoption, and revision to the District's Board Policies/Board Bylaws/Administrative Regulations. The Board has directed the Superintendent to ensure that the District's policies related to conflicts of interest are updated in accordance with the most current policies/bylaws released by CSBA. In the event any of the conflict of interest language set forth in the District's policies is out-of-date, the Board will adopt updated versions as promulgated by CSBA.

¹ CSBA is the nonprofit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts and county offices of education throughout California. A membership-driven association, CSBA provides policy resources and comprehensive policy services, which include, among other services, providing up-to-date board policies/bylaws to public school districts such as the District. The District is a member of CSBA and utilizes its services for updating its Board

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