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November 15, 2022

Honorable George J. Abdallah, Jr.  
Supervising Judge to the San Joaquin County Grand Juries  
San Joaquin County Superior Court  
180 East Weber Avenue, Suite 1306-J  
Stockton, California 95202

Re: Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees  
San Joaquin County Grand Jury Case #0121

Dear Judge Abdallah:

The Board of Trustees of the Stockton Unified School District hereby respectfully provides this Supplemental Response to the Report from the San Joaquin County Grand Jury in the above-referenced case.

**Finding #F1.5.1: Lack of detailed billing and incomplete invoices for Board review creates risks of paying for services not received.**

**Supplemental Response to Finding #F1.5.1:** Pursuant to *P ena l C ode* Section 933.05(a)(2), the Board disagrees wholly with this Finding. As was set forth in the District's response to Recommendation #R1.5.1, all law firms retained by the District submit proper detailed invoices.

**Finding #F1.7.2: Stockton Unified School District has no plan in place to deal with deficit spending, putting Stockton Unified School District at risk of fiscal insolvency.**

**Supplemental Response to Finding #F1.7.2:** Pursuant to *P ena l C ode* Section 933.05(a)(2), the District disagrees wholly with this Finding. The District has specific plans of action to avoid deficit spending such as by updating the District budget to accurately reflect unaudited actuals within the ending balances, by aligning the budget to correspond with student needs, and by continuing to reduce expenditures in various areas.

**Finding #F1.7.3: Stockton Unified School District Departments do not have clear operational budgets, decreasing the effectiveness of planning and implementation of student-focused decision making.**

**Supplemental Response to Finding #F1.7.3:** Pursuant to *Pena Code* Section 933.05(a)(2), the District disagrees wholly with this Finding. The District has clear and detailed operational budgets for its various school sites and departments which are all set up within Business Plus, the District's accounting system. For the 2022-23 fiscal year, each school site and department throughout the District has been assigned a business analyst from the District's Business Department to help assist with respect to the alignment and expenditure reporting within their respective operational budgets.

**Finding #F1.7.4: Stockton Unified School District has no defined and documented plan to pay for essential and on-going costs once one-time funds are depleted or unavailable, increasing the risk of General Fund depletion.**

**Supplemental Response to Finding #F1.7.4:** Pursuant to *Pena Code* Section 933.05(a)(2), the District disagrees wholly with this Finding. Pursuant to its overall fiscal plan, the District continues to adjust its budget to move expenditures away from one-time funding, and additionally, the District continues to reduce expenditures that are deemed unnecessary while maintaining the District's primary focus on supporting the students.

**Finding #F1.7.5: Stockton Unified School District has no Multi-Year Financial Projection to monitor the one-time fund expenditures as Stockton Unified School District moves into 2022-2023, potentially causing the projected deficit to occur earlier.**

**Supplemental Response to Finding #F1.7.5:** Pursuant to *Pena Code* Section 933.05(a)(2), the District disagrees wholly with this Finding. For re-adoption of the budget, the District has expressly adjusted its multi-year financial projections with specific plans to move expenditures away from one-time funding for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years, and additionally, the District continues to reduce expenditures that are deemed unnecessary while maintain the District's primary focus on supporting the students.

**Finding #F2.1: The Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees has shown disregard for Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest, contributing to an appearance of impropriety that may diminish the integrity of the District.**

**Supplemental Response to #Finding F2.1:** Pursuant to *P ena l Code* Section 933.05(a)(2), the District disagrees wholly with this Finding. The Board of Trustees, individually and collectively, understands the importance of avoiding conflicts of interests and even the appearance of impropriety. In this regard, by approving this Supplemental Response to the Report from the San Joaquin County Grand Jury in Case #0121, the Board hereby reaffirms its commitment to comply with Board Bylaw 9270 (“Conflict of Interest”).

Sincerely,



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President, Board of Trustees  
Stockton Unified School District

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