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Honorable, Stephanie Hulsey
Judge of the Superior Court
c/o Office of the County Counsel
168 W. Alisal Street, 3rd FL
Salinas, CA 93901

15 June 2022

RE: 2021-22 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report—"Excellence in Action: Monterey County's Educational Response to COVID-19"

Dear Honorable Stephanie Hulsey:

Please find our response to Finding Nos. F1, F5, F8-F13 and Recommendation Nos. R1-R2.

F1: The District agrees with the finding

F5: The District agrees with the finding

F8: The District agrees with the finding

F9: The District agrees with the finding

F10: The District agrees with the finding

F11: The District agrees with the finding

F12: The District agrees with the finding

F13: The District agrees with the finding

R1: The District implemented this recommendation.

The District hired a school psychologist at each comprehensive high school and for alternative education programs. The ratio of school psychologist to students allows school psychologists to provide mental health support through the District's multi-tiered system of support (MTSS).

R2: The District implemented this recommendation.

The District extended the summer school day to offer additional courses to students who need credit recovery. The district offers after school in-person tutoring and 24-hour online tutoring. In addition, the District provides an online platform for students to retake failed courses. The District expanded the independent study program to accommodate more students. The District plans to offer these through 2025-26.

Sincerely,

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