

# Gold Oak Union School District

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Judge Lauren C. Bowers

The Presiding Judge of the El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury

Superior Court of El Dorado County

2850 Fairlane Court, Suite 120

Placerville CA 95667

VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL ([court-admin@eldoradocourt.org](mailto:court-admin@eldoradocourt.org))

**RE: Response on Behalf of Gold Oak Union School District by the Superintendent to the 2023-24 Grand Jury Report, May 13, 2024 – CASE #24-07.**

The Honorable Judge Bowers:

Pursuant to California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Gold Oak Unified School District (“District”) hereby submits its formal response to the May 13, 2024, Grand Jury Report (“Report”) as follows:

## **REQUIRED RESPONSES TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

- I. **Finding F7:** *“It is unclear when or if the County school districts provide student training on recognizing sexual harassment and how to report it.”*

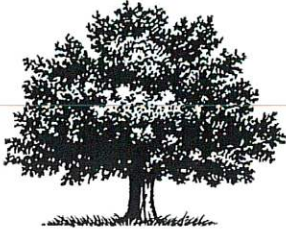
### **Response to Finding F7:**

District recognizes the importance of ensuring staff and students are in a safe learning environment free from any form of harassment.

District ensures teachers and staff are thoroughly trained on recognizing sexual harassment by way of observing behavioral changes in students, indicative of being harassed or abused. Additionally, teachers and staff learn the appropriate responses when unusual behavior is detected in a student suspected of being harassed or abused.

District provides age-appropriate sexual harassment training through its Social Emotional Curriculum. This curriculum provides age-appropriate harassment training and includes teaching that harassment is not limited to activities inside the classroom but outside as well. How to report an incident is also thoroughly relayed to students.

Harassment training is taught not only at the beginning of the school year by the teacher, but teachers are encouraged to reiterate its goal of a safe-learning environment throughout



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the entire school year.

Further all policies addressing harassment and discrimination, including reporting procedures can easily be found on the “Gold Oak Unified School District” website, under the “*Students*” tab.

Lastly, District utilizes DTS (Document Tracking Services) Bully Reporting, which permit any individual to report anonymously any type of behavior affecting the well being or safety of students. Staff, students and family are advised of this resource and encouraged to use it.

**II. Finding F9:** *“EDCOE and County school district websites are out of compliance with Title IX requirements.”*

**Response to Finding F9:**

District disagrees with this finding. District has its Title IX conveniently located on its “*Gold Oak Unified School District*” website under both the “*Parents*” and “*Students*” tab. Upon clicking on either tab, a student or a parent can easily find Title IX information to include Title IX rights, how to report a violation, and to whom a violation can be reported to. Additionally, Title IX is available to the public under the “*Department*” and “*Human Resources*” Tab on said website.

**III. Recommendation 8:** *“EDCOE and County School districts should bring their Title IX website requirements up to date by December 31, 2024.”*

**Response to Recommendation 8:**

The District appreciates the grand jury’s recommendation. As stated in District’s response to Finding No. 9, the District is complying, making Recommendation 8 moot.

**CONCLUSION**

Sincerely,

Deborah Atkins, Interim Superintendent

cc: Gold Oak Unified School District, Board of Trustees  
Shannon Daniel, Chief Business Officer