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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 ([complaints@edcgrandjury.com](mailto:complaints@edcgrandjury.com))

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report  
"County Office of Education: Are Schools Doing Enough to Address  
Sexual Harassment?" Case 24-07

Dear Judge Bowers:

The following is the Gold Trail Union School District response to the findings and recommendations of the 2023-2024 El Dorado County Grand Jury's Report entitled "County Office of Education: Are Schools Doing Enough to Address Sexual Harassment?" For purposes of readability, the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations are listed in bold.

## **FINDINGS:**

### **Finding F7**

**It is unclear when or if the County school districts provide student training on recognizing sexual harassment and how to report it.**

Generally, a student in grades K-3 cannot be suspended or expelled for sexual harassment. (See Cal. Educ. Code 48900.2). Students in grades 7-8 receive instruction regarding "sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and human trafficking." (See Cal. Educ. Code 51934). GTUSD Board Policy 5145.7 provides that all GTUSD students receive age-appropriate information on sexual harassment.

**Finding F9**

**EDCOE and County school district websites are out of compliance with Title IX requirements.**

We *disagree* with this finding. GTUSD's website complies with Title IX requirements.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 8**

**EDCOE and County school districts should bring their Title IX website requirements up to date by December 31, 2024.**

We *have already implemented* this recommendation for GTUSD.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kerith Phillips".

Kerith Phillips

Superintendent, Gold Trail Union School District