

Silver Fork Elementary 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)

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

Dear Judge Bowers:

The Silver Fork Elementary School District has received and read the 2023-2024 El Dorado County Grand Jury Report entitled "County Office of Education: Are Schools Doing Enough to Address Sexual Harassment?" Following is the written response from Silver Fork School District in regards to Findings F7, F9 and Recommendation R8.

#### FINDINGS

# **F.7** It is unclear when or if the county school districts provide student training on recognizing sexual harassment and how to report it.

The Silver Fork Elementary School District's currently educates twelve students within grades Kindergarten to eighth. Due to its very small size, instruction is delivered to students in a multi-age model within a single building. Students have the same teachers throughout all grade levels. Given the unique classroom structure and varying developmental levels in the room, the district does not provide formal student training on recognizing sexual harassment and how to report it. Generalized discussions regarding personal space, privacy and protecting one's own body do take place as appropriate. Because this district serves only a few families, there is a strong home to school connection with regular two-way communication. Staff is proactive in communicating concerns and student needs with families, including social-emotional learning and aspects of health education.

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The two certificated teachers and one classified employee are trained annually on how to recognize signs of sexual harassment and potential abuse. With this training, staff is cognizant in monitoring unusual changes in student behavior indicating a student may have experienced sexual harassment or sexual abuse. In conjunction, staff are trained on how to appropriately respond and access support for identified students.

### F.9 EDCOE and County School District Websites are out of compliance with Title IX requirements

Silver Fork Elementary School District does agree with this finding. While the district does link nondiscrimination policy, complaint procedures, and coordinator contact information on its website, navigating and finding this information through a simple Title IX search is difficult.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

# **R.8 EDCOE** and County school districts should bring their Title IX website requirements up to date by December 31, 2024

Silver Fork Elementary School District will bring its Title IX website requirements up to date as stipulated in California Education Code 221.61 by the end of the current calendar year

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Respectfully,

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Kim Little Superintendent, Silver Fork Elementary School District