November 19, 2018

The Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury Report
     Safer Schools - What Can We Do?
     Further Response of Irvine Unified School District

To the Honorable Charles Margines:

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, the Orange County Grand Jury has requested that Irvine Unified School District provide further response to findings and recommendations in the 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled: "Safer Schools - What Can We Do?" in the letter dated November 8, 2018.

FINDINGS

R.5
School districts should implement procedures to ensure that all faculty and staff are required to wear visible photo ID badges while on campus. (F.5.)

The recommendation requires further analysis that will be explored and discussed at the Board of Education's Comprehensive Safety Study Session in early fall 2018.

Revised Response to R.5.
The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The Irvine Unified School District is currently installing access control (door) systems throughout District schools, and faculty and staff would be required by July 2019 to possess their photo ID badge in order to access the secured electronic doors on campus.

R.6.
All school districts with middle or high school campuses should consider using student ID cards in a format to be worn as student ID badges while on campus. (F.6.)

The recommendation requires further analysis that will be explored and discussed at the Board of Education's Comprehensive Safety Study Session in early fall 2018.
Revised Response to R.6.
The recommendation will not be implemented because middle and high school students do not consistently possess ID cards and/or would not consistently wear ID cards visible to staff while on campus.

Sincerely,

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