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The Honorable Judge Scott Thomsen  
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury  
201 Church Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Honorable Judge Scott Thomsen:

The following is the required response to the June 15, 2023 Nevada County Grand Jury report titled "*Nevada County School Boards: An Educational Opportunity*".

As Superintendent of Pleasant Ridge Union School District, I agree with the finding that legal, ethical and Brown Act Training, required for all Board members of Pleasant Ridge Union School District, should address laws regarding political campaigning.

As Superintendent, it is my duty to inform PRUSD Board of Trustees the opportunities that are available to receive training on the recommendations listed in the report. This information is given to each member of the Trustee board when and where such trainings are being offered. In the past, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools has offered such training where the trustees were trained and given such pertinent information. PRUSD has brought in associations such as Small School Districts' Association, Kingsley Bogard Attorneys at Law (which specializes in governance and education), and California School Boards Association. Pleasant Ridge Union School District will continue to participate in such trainings to make sure each member of PRUSD Board of Trustees is properly trained to perform their elected duty with integrity, specifically regarding elections and campaigning.

PRUSD will look for alternative ways that are efficient and successful in training the Board of Trustees annually.

Sincerely,

Rusty S. Clark  
Superintendent of Pleasant Ridge Union School District

cc: Scott Lay, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools