

## Andy Parsons, Ed.D., Superintendent

June 23, 2023

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 Union Hill School District's Superintendent, I agree with the finding that legal, ethical and Brown Act Training, required for all Board members across the County, should address laws regarding political campaigning.

I also agree with the recommendations that Nevada County Superintendent of Schools provide campaign behavior training for Trustees across all school districts, including Union Hill School District, that supplements the legal and ethical training already required. We currently participate in biennial board governance training for all school district, charter, and county board trustees on election years. Attendance is strongly encouraged by us. Starting in the 2023/2024 school year, the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools will add a section on Ed Code 7054 – Political Activities of School Officers and Employees.

Sincerely,

Andy Parsons, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Union Hill School District