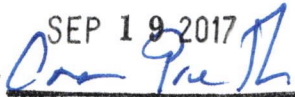


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Dear Judge Kolpacoff,

Per Penal Code section 933.05, I am responding to the Alpine County Grand Jury report of 2016-2017, specifically addressing the issues regarding the alleged Brown Act violation of the December 2016 Alpine County Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting. In general, I concur with the Grand Jury's recommendations and appreciate the time the members put into researching the issue and developing recommendations. The Alpine County Unified School District Board of Trustees seeks to operate in a manner that instills public confidence and trust in our operation.

Finding 1 and Recommendation 1. I concur with the findings and the recommendation.

Finding 2 and Recommendation 2. I concur with the findings and the recommendation.

Finding 3. I concur with the text of Finding 3.

Recommendation 3. I submit our response which was prepared to the original cure and correct request received in early 2017. In it, our board agrees with the grand jury report indicating that although a violation of the Brown act did not occur, the conduct was not in the highest standards in which this board desires to operate. Specifically,

“.....the incident does not reflect this Board's commitment to providing as much access and openness to the meeting materials as outlined in our Board goals. The District has implemented the AgendaOnline solution specifically to make access to agenda items and documents easier and, on the whole, this solution has been beneficial. After the December 13 meeting, a couple board members and the superintendent reviewed the technical issues with staff to understand why the entirety of the item did not appear on AgendaOnline and how to prevent it from happening again. Our expectation is for future items will be fully available online and our staff and board members will do our best to ensure all items are visible to the public.”

Further, our board has reached out to the California School Board Association for training and guidance on Brown Act compliance and governance. We conducted a training in April on these topics.

I do have to disagree with the first sentence of Recommendation 3. It states, “The Grand Jury determined that there was a technical violation of the Brown Act by the omission of the addendum in the online version.” I would ask the Grand Jury to strike this statement from its report or to provide more detail on