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Honorable Sonny Sandhu, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus
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Modesto, CA 95353

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Re: 26-27GJ: Obligations, Obstacles, and Opportunities in School Bond Oversight

Dear Honorable Sonny Sandhu, Presiding Judge:

Denair Unified School District appreciates the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2025-2026 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury report, *Obligations, Obstacles, and Opportunities in School Bond Oversight*.

The District is committed to transparency and appropriate oversight of bond funds and has reviewed its Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) practices and website information following the Grand Jury's report. The District's responses are provided below.

Finding 1

Many school districts in Stanislaus County lack required transparency regarding school bonds because they fail to fully comply with Education Code mandates.

Response:

The District partially agrees with the finding.

The Grand Jury found Denair Unified compliant with CBOC meeting minutes and annual financial and performance audits. As it relates to transparency, the report identified the annual CBOC report as non-compliant and noted certain website accessibility items.

The District has reviewed the website accessibility items identified in the report. Specifically, the February 20, 2025 agenda was available on the District's website in two locations; however, one of the links was broken. The broken link has been corrected. The District is also reviewing its CBOC and bond information webpages to ensure required documents are clearly and directly accessible to the public.

Recommendation 1

The governing board of the district should instruct its Superintendent to comply with Education Code pertaining to CBOCs by December 31, 2026. Areas of compliance include posting minutes, annual performance and financial audits, and annual CBOC reports on the District's website.

Response:

The recommendation has been implemented in part and will be fully implemented.

CBOC meeting minutes and annual financial and performance audits are available to the public. The District has corrected the broken February 20, 2025 agenda link identified in the report and is reviewing the placement and accessibility of required CBOC and bond documents. As part of this review, the District identified that, although the required annual financial and performance audits have been completed, the separate CBOC annual written report has not historically been part of the District's annual CBOC process. The District is correcting this process and will work with the CBOC to prepare, approve, present, and post the 2024-25 Annual CBOC Report by December 31, 2026, and will ensure annual CBOC reports are completed and posted each year thereafter.

Finding 2

Stanislaus County CBOCs frequently do not have appropriate membership as required by Education Code. Some CBOCs lack members representing each qualifying group and/or have members serving beyond applicable term limits.

Response:

The District agrees with the finding as it relates to CBOC membership.

At the time of the Grand Jury's review, Denair Unified's CBOC had three of the seven required members. As noted in the report, the District was actively seeking additional applicants, with recruitment information and an application available online and a recruitment announcement prominently displayed on the District's website.

Recruiting volunteers who meet the specific membership categories required by Education Code continues to be challenging. Nevertheless, the District will continue its recruitment efforts to obtain full CBOC membership.

Recommendation 2a

The governing board of any district lacking full membership should appoint additional members to its CBOC to comply with Education Code section 15282 and its respective CBOC bylaws by December 31, 2026.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been fully implemented. The District is actively working toward full implementation through continued recruitment of qualified CBOC members.

The District will continue actively recruiting qualified community members to fill the vacant CBOC positions. Recruitment information and an application are available to the public. As qualified applicants are identified, appointments will be presented to the Board of Trustees in accordance with Education Code and the District's CBOC bylaws.

The District will continue its recruitment efforts toward achieving and maintaining the required membership.

Recommendation 2b

The governing board should review CBOC membership to determine whether long-serving members have exceeded applicable term limits and, if necessary, reappoint or replace members by December 31, 2026.

Response:

The recommendation has been implemented.

The District has reviewed CBOC membership and applicable terms of service. The District will continue to monitor member terms and ensure appointments and reappointments comply with Education Code section 15282 and the District's CBOC bylaws.

Denair Unified School District appreciates the Grand Jury's review and remains committed to transparency, accountability, and appropriate public oversight of bond funds.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent
Denair Unified School District

On behalf of the Denair Unified School District Board of Trustees