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Yolo County Grand Jury P.O. Box 2142 Woodland, CA 95776

RE: Response to Request for Additional Information – On the Road to School Safety – Yolo County Grand Jury 2022-23 Consolidated Report

Dear Members of the Yolo County Grand Jury,

Thank you for your continued diligence in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff within the Winters Joint Unified School District. We appreciate the opportunity to provide further details on the progress of our safety initiatives as requested in your letter dated January 11, 2024.

Regarding Recommendation R-1: Installation of Security Cameras We are pleased to report that the installation of security cameras at the remaining two schools is proceeding ahead of schedule. As of February 2024, the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School installation was completed over the summer, prior to the 2023/2024 school year. Determination regarding the placement of surveillance equipment for Waggoner Elementary School is underway through collaboration with Winters Police Department. These decisions are being made in concert with other sitewide facilities improvements outlined in the District's Facilities Master Plan which was approved by our Board of Trustees on December 14, 2023..

Regarding Recommendation R-2: Implementation of the Youth Truth Survey The Youth Truth survey has already been administered and the District has received the results. We are in the process of analyzing this data to inform our programmatic response. The California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) will be administered in early spring to students in Grades 5, 7, and 9. These outcomes will be analyzed in concert with Youth Truth outcomes.

Regarding Recommendation R-3: Improvement of School Signage In response to the recommendation for improved signage, we have initiated a comprehensive evaluation of signage needs across all schools. Specific attention is being given to Winters Middle School. We plan to contract with a local signage company, and

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design work is currently in progress. We anticipate new signage will be in place by the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Regarding Recommendation R-5: Documentation of Safety Training Effectiveness In response to the query about "direct communication channels," we refer to our approach of gathering feedback through regular meetings, surveys, sessions with administrators, and open forums led by site administrators with teachers and staff. These methods allow us to gauge the effectiveness of our safety training programs and make timely adjustments as needed. We maintain detailed records of all safety training sessions, including attendance logs and topics covered. These records are reviewed incrementally to ensure compliance with State and Federal safety standards.

We trust that this information addresses your queries and will provide additional details upon request. Our District is committed to continual improvement in our safety protocols and procedures and thank you for your partnership in achieving this shared priority.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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