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10	JANE DOE	No. 19CV341533
11	Petitioner,	[PROPOSED] ORDER <b>GRANTING</b> PETITIONER'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR STAY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
12	vs.	PENDING COURT REVIEW
13	PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL	
14	DISTRICT, and DOES 1-5, inclusive,  Respondent.	Date: January 25, 2019 Time: 8:15 a.m.
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16		Petition Filed: January 24, 2019
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18		lication for Stay of Administrative Order Pending
19	Court Review came before this Court on Ja	anuary 25, 2019 in Department/O of this
20	Court.	
21	Having considered the moving pape	ers, materials on file with the Court and argument
22	of counsel,	
23	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petit	tioner Jane Doe's Ex Parte Application for Stay
24	of Administrative Order Pending Court Rev	
25	Unified School District (the "District") must	immediately stay enforcement of the January
26	22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive, and re	einstate the November 5, 2018 Permanent
27	Safety Directive pending court review of Pe	etitioner's Writ of Mandate. Effective
28	immediately, and until court review of Petiti	ener's Writ of Mandate, the District shall not

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2	Doe to be a member of Gunn Robotics Team or participate in Gunn Robotics Team								
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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

### **COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

JANE DOE

Petitioner.

VS.

PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, and DOES 1-5, inclusive,

Respondent.

No. 19CV341533

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR STAY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER PENDING COURT REVIEW

[Pursuant to C.C.P. §1094.5(g)]

Date:

January 25, 2019

Time:

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January 24, 2019

Petitioner Jane Doe,<sup>1</sup> a high school student who was sexually assaulted and sexually harassed by a classmate, seeks immediate judicial intervention to compel the school district to prioritize Jane Doe's safety and equal access to education.

Petitioner Jane Doe is a high school student at Gunn High School and a prominent member of the Gunn Robotics Team ("GRT"), an academic extracurricular activity. Jane Doe was sexually assaulted and sexually harassed by a classmate in early 2018 (the classmate will be referred to hereafter as "Assailant"). Initially, in November 2018, the Palo Alto Unified School District ("District") apparently recognized the importance of GRT to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jane Doe is a minor and a victim of sexual assault and thereby elects to proceed under a pseudonym to protect her privacy pursuant to California Penal Code section 293.5, et seq. Included with this ex parte application is also a request to appoint Jane Doe's mother as a guardian ad litem.

Jane Doe's personal and academic development and issued a directive prohibiting Assailant from participating in GRT. However, on January 22, 2019, the District, despite having conducted a Title IX investigation finding that Assailant sexually harassed Jane Doe, made the unconscionable decision to permit Assailant to fully participate in GRT alongside Jane Doe. Jane Doe seeks immediate judicial intervention on an *ex parte* basis, requesting that this Court vacate the District's January 22, 2019 directive and reinstate the November 5, 2019 directive, which prohibited Assailant from GRT.

The District's decision is violative of Title IX and not supported by the District's own findings in the underlying investigation into the sexual harassment. The District has forced Jane Doe to attend school alongside her abuser, has failed to ensure Jane Doe's safety on campus, and now is granting Assailant unfettered access to his victim. Jane Doe has been unable to attend school and GRT this week due to the emotional toll that the District's unlawful decision has imposed upon her.

On January 24, 2019, Jane Doe filed a Petition for Administrative Writ of Mandate, seeking an order overturning the District's decision. Jane Doe respectfully requests that the Court stay the District's January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive, and order the District to maintain the status quo by reinstating the November 5, 2018 Safety Directive. If Jane Doe's ex parte request is denied, she will suffer immediate and irreparable harm, an affront to her access to educational opportunities at Gunn High School.

# BACKGROUND FACTS<sup>2</sup>

# A. Assailant Sexually Assaulted and Sexually Harassed Jane Doe.

Jane Doe began dating a fellow student at Gunn High School (hereinafter, "Assailant") in or around November 2017. Toward the end of January 2018, Assailant forced Jane Doe to perform oral sex on him, against Jane Doe's will. Jane Doe was horrified and shaken by the incident. Jane Doe ended her relationship with Assailant.

In retaliation, Assailant began to publicly humiliate and degrade Jane Doe on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These facts are alleged in Jane Doe's verified Petition, dated January 24, 2019, and attached as Exhibit A to the Request for Judicial Notice.

Gunn High School campus. For example, Assailant told a large group of boys at lunch at Gunn High School (in Jane Doe's presence) that Jane Doe was bad at performing oral sex. One boy in the group was simulating oral sex on a banana, at which time Assailant said, "That's better than [Jane Doe] can do!"

On or about April 27, 2018, in an English class wherein both Jane Doe and Assailant were present, the English teacher left the classroom and Assailant exclaimed "[Jane Doe] is a 4 out of 10 in bed." This type of humiliation was unbearable for Jane Doe, who now had not only been sexually assaulted, but was now being tormented and humiliated by her abuser in front of her peers.

On May 9, 2018, Assailant sent Jane Doe a text, stating: "It's hard to respect someone [after] you've shoved your dick down their throat." On May 10, 2018, Assailant sent Jane Doe yet another text, stating: "How's your sex life?"

B. The District Conducted a Title IX Investigation and Found that Assailant Sexually Harassed Jane Doe.

On or about June 6, 2018, Jane Doe filed a Complaint with the District's Title IX Office.<sup>3</sup>

On October 23, 2018, more than four months after filing the Complaint, the District issued an "Outcome of Investigation of Sexual Harassment Investigation." A true and correct copy of the Outcome of Investigation of Sexual Harassment Investigation, with redactions, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Therein, the District **found that Assailant** had sexually harassed Jane Doe and deprived her of education opportunities:

[T]he sexual harassment allegations constituted sexual harassment in violation of PAUSD Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment, because this behavior was unwelcome, severe and created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment and limited Complainant's ability to benefit from her participation in her educational pursuits at Gunn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Jane Doe does not attach a copy of this Complaint only for the purposes of protecting Jane Doe's identity. The Compliant contains numerous references to Jane Doe's name and other identifying information. However, Jane Doe will make this document available at the Court's convenience for *in-camera* review.

Thereafter, on November 5, 2018, the District issued the Permanent Safety
Directive, in accordance with the "Outcome of Investigation of Sexual Harassment
Investigation," confirming that Responding Student would "not be permitted to join the
afterschool GRT Build Team for the 2018-2019 school year and will not participate in
afterschool GRT Build activities, beginning in January of 2019." (Emphasis added). A
true and correct copy of the November 5, 2018 Permanent Safety Directive is attached
hereto as Exhibit B.

The GRT program at Gunn High School is highly competitive and nationally regarded. Jane Doe has been a member of this team – which meets both during and after school – since her sophomore year of high school. Participating in this activity is key to her academic development and remarkably important to her both personally and academically.

C. On January 18, 2019, the District Announced a Unilateral Reversal of Its Previous Decision and Reinstated Assailant as a Member of GRT, Effective Immediately.

On January 18, 2019, the Friday before a holiday weekend, the District contacted Jane Doe's parents and requested an in-person meeting. Jane Doe's parents attended the meeting, anticipating that the meeting would address the additional safety measures that could be put in place for Jane Doe's senior year, per Jane Doe's parents' numerous requests. Instead, when Jane Doe's parents arrived, the District informed them that it was unilaterally revising the Permanent Safety Directive, permitting Assailant to participate alongside Jane Doe in all GRT activities as a member of the team, effective immediately.

The District, knowing that Jane Doe is represented by counsel, did not contact Jane Doe's counsel in this regard.

At the January 18, 2019 meeting, the District vaguely stated that Assailant would be accompanied by an "escort" while participating in GRT activities. Requiring that Assailant be shadowed by an "escort" will not protect Jane Doe from harm. The GRT classroom and workshop has multiple rooms with blocked sight-lines in numerous areas, and includes dangerous equipment and chemicals. The GRT team often travels to competitions (staying

overnight in hotels) and works late into the night on a regular basis. It is virtually impossible for Assailant to be shadowed at every moment while participating in GRT activities.

The District then informed Jane Doe that Assailant would be attending GRT on Monday, January 21, 2019 (Martin Luther King, Jr. day). Jane Doe's family rejected this decision and demanded that Assailant not be present at GRT on January 21, 2019. The family further demanded that the Permanent Safety Directive be reinstated immediately. The District refused. Because of the government holiday, Jane Doe's family was unable to secure immediate relief from the court.

Jane Doe alleges on information and belief that, in response to Jane Doe's family's objections over the weekend, on Sunday, January 20, 2019, the District spoke with Assailant's family who advised that Assailant would attend GRT on Monday. Out of fear for her safety and to protect her emotional wellbeing, Jane Doe did not attend GRT on Monday to avoid seeing Assailant. On information and belief, Jane Doe also alleges that Assailant did not attend GRT on Monday. This appears to demonstrate that Assailant is not fundamentally interested in the GRT program, and is using his attendance to further torment Jane Doe. In the process, Jane Doe was victimized again, and she was forced to miss another educational opportunity.

D. On January 22, 2019, the District Issued an Amended Safety Directive, Confirming in Writing Its Decision to Permit Assailant Immediate Access to GRT Activities.

On January 22, 2019, the District issued an Amended Safety Directive, stating in writing that Assailant was permitted to rejoin GRT. A true and correct copy of the January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. The Amended Safety Directive allows Assailant **even more freedom to participate in GRT activities, to the detriment of Jane Doe**. Pursuant to the Amended Safety Directive, the District has implemented an alternating schedule, whereby Assailant is permitted full access to GRT activities on some days (at the exclusion of Jane Doe), and Jane Doe is allowed access to GRT on other days. The District is retaliating against Jane Doe for being a victim of sexual

harassment, bringing the Complaint, and continuing to demand equal access to all educational opportunities. The District has barred Jane Doe from fully participating in an extracurricular activity that is crucial to her educational and personal development.

On January 22, 2019, the District asked Jane Doe to make an impossible decision.

The District verbally provided Jane Doe with the following options:

- (1) Jane Doe may elect to have full access to GRT as a member of the team, but accept the fact that Assailant will also maintain full access to GRT activities and that she must face him on nearly a daily basis; or
- (2) Jane Doe may elect to have peace of mind that she will not have to face her Assailant, but on the condition that she forgo attending GRT on certain days, allowing her only part-time, limited access to GRT activities. The District is essentially asking Jane Doe to make an impossible choice – to choose either her safety or her access to education.

This is truly an impossible choice, which effectively demands that a child choose between her education and her own safety.

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, based on the fact that a person delegated by the District to monitor Assailant was present in the GRT workshop, Jane Doe attended GRT. This delegated person spent a significant portion of the time focused on a mobile phone and left the workshop at least twice, during which time monitoring of Assailant was limited or nonexistent. Assailant came within less than three feet of Jane Doe while Jane Doe was in proximity of large industrial equipment, and the person monitoring Assailant did not seem to observe Assailant at that time. In addition to the ongoing emotional toll inflicted on Jane Doe, this demonstrates that allowing Assailant to be in any workshop together with Jane Doe creates an ongoing threat to her safety that cannot be effectively eliminated pursuant to the District's Amended Safety Directive.

After this event, Jane Doe became overwhelmed and distraught over having to face her attacker in order to participate in GRT. As a result, Jane Doe did not attend GRT on January 21 or January 23, and stayed home from school on January 23 and the majority of

January 24 (attending only her afternoon classes and GRT). Jane Doe is living an absolute nightmare and requests that the Court intervene on an ex parte basis for the limited purpose of reinstating the District's November 5, 2018 Safety Directive, which barred Assailant from participating in GRT activities.

Permitting Assailant to participate in GRT is detrimental to Jane Doe, Assailant's victim, and devastating to Jane Doe both personally and academically. Not only is prohibiting Assailant's participation in GRT justified based upon the finding that he sexually harassed Jane Doe, but it is also **required** for Jane Doe's safety and to permit her equal access to education.

## <u>ANALYSIS</u>

A. This Court Should Stay the District's January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive Until the Court Holds a Hearing on Jane Doe's Petition.

When an administrative writ is pending, California Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5(g) provides that this Court may "stay the operation of the administrative order or decision pending the judgment of the court." This relief may be granted if it is not against the public interest. (See California Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5(g)). An administrative writ of mandate permits the court to conduct an inquiry into whether "there was a fair trial; and whether there was any prejudicial abuse of discretion. Abuse of discretion is established if the respondent has not proceeded in the manner required by law, the **order or decision is not supported by the findings**, or the findings are not supported by the evidence." (CCP section 1094.5(b), emphasis added).

Here, the January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive is **not supported by the District's findings**. On October 23, 2018, the District found that Assailant had committed "sexual harassment in violation of PAUSD Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment, because this behavior was unwelcome, severe and created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment and limited Complainant's ability to benefit from her participation in her educational pursuits at Gunn." (See Exhibit A, page 2). It is undisputed that Assailant sent vulgar and invasive text messages to Jane Doe that were unwelcome and

harassing. It is also undisputed that Assailant made humiliating comments about Jane Doe's alleged sexual performance more than once in a public setting on campus, surrounded by Jane Doe's classmates. The District previously informed Jane Doe that it would not allow Assailant and Jane Doe to be in the same classes together for the remainder of the parties' time at Gunn High School. However, the District is now reversing course and allowing Jane Doe and Assailant to equally participate in an academic activity that meets more often than any other class, including on nights, weekends, and at out-of-town field trips. This decision is simply unsupported by the District's own finding of sexual harassment.

Furthermore, **granting a stay is not against the public interest**. There is no public interest in effectively forcing a sixteen-year-old child to make the impossible choice between her safety (thereby participating in GRT on a part-time basis, which eliminates the impact of her leadership role and limits her educational access) and her education (allowing her to fully participate in GRT, but with the knowledge that her abuser will be present alongside her). There is no public interest in permitting a sexual abuser unfettered access to his victim before school, during school, after school, on weekends, and at out-of-town field trips. There is no public interest in asking the victim of a crime to forego educational opportunities so that her abuser can reap the benefits of those educational opportunities.

# B. Even if this Court Ultimately Grants Jane Doe's Writ of Mandate, An Immediate Stay Is Required to Prevent Immediate, Irreparable Damage.

The District's decision to permit Assailant access to all GRT activities has taken an incredibly devastating toll on Jane Doe. Jane Doe attended GRT on Tuesday, but the presence of Assailant was so violative and terrifying to her, that she had a difficult time returning this week, attending only on Thursday with her mother present. Jane Doe was also unable to focus on her studies this week and could not attend school on January 23 and most of January 24 due to the District's actions. The District's decision has created an untenable situation that cannot be remedied without judicial intervention.

Jane Doe will prevail on the Writ of Mandate. However, if the Court does not immediately grant a stay of the January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive, Jane Doe will be forced to suffer irreparable damage. In the time that elapses between the filing of this ex parte application and a hearing on Jane Doe's Petition, she will be unable to attend GRT (or, if she does attend, forced to suffer emotional distress and fear for her own safety). Jane Doe holds a prominent leadership position in GRT and will be unable to participate in team competitions and over events over the next couple of months if this Court does not grant a stay. This will deprive Jane Doe of important educational opportunities, and reward Assailant for his repulsive behavior.

# C. A Stay Is Required Because The District Is Unlikely to Prevail on the Merits.

The only requirement for a stay under 1094.5(g) is that the stay may not be imposed unless it is against the public interest. (See Sterling v. Santa Monica Rent Control Bd. (1985) 168 Cal.App.3d 176, 186-87 (affirming stay request without evaluating the merits of the petition). As explained above, granting a stay in this action is not against the public interest. In fact, granting this stay serves the public's interest in protecting sexual harassment victims from further harm. Therefore, on this basis, this Court may grant Jane Doe's request for a stay. It is unnecessary for the court to evaluate the merits of Jane Doe's petition. Nevertheless, Jane Doe sets forth below several of the arguments she will raise in response to the District's opposition to Jane Doe's writ petition.

Although the District wrongfully refused to investigate Assailant's sexual assault of Jane Doe off campus, it is undisputed that the District investigated and unequivocally found that Assailant sexually harassed Jane Doe on campus. The findings are conclusive in this regard and contain documentary evidence — such as text messages and eye-witness testimony from classmates. The District rightfully recognized the importance of GRT to Jane Doe and excluded Assailant from participating on the team beginning in January of 2019. Then, without providing Jane Doe with the opportunity to participate in the disciplinary proceeding (despite its immediate and profound impact on her), nor providing

her notice of the decision prior to implementation, the District unilaterally implemented a new directive that permits Assailant immediate access to all GRT programing and events. This decision is simply unsupported by the finding that Assailant sexually harassed Jane Doe. Forcing Jane Doe to choose between her safety and her education is an unconscionable act, and the District will not prevail in opposing the writ.

# D. This Ex Parte Application Is Properly Before the Court.

California Rule of Court 3.1200 et seq. governs ex parte applications. An ex parte application must include:

- (1) An application containing the case caption and stating the relief requested;
- (2) A declaration in support of the application making the factual showing required under rule 3.1202(c);
- (3) A declaration based on personal knowledge of the notice given under rule 3.1204;
- (4) A memorandum; and
- (5) A proposed order.

(California Rule of Court 3.1201). Jane Doe has complied with all procedural requirements. On January 14, 2018, before 10:00 a.m., Jane Doe gave notice to the District of her intent to appear ex parte on January 25, 2019. (See Declaration of Laura C. Riparbelli, attached hereto).

Given the urgency of this request, Jane Doe cannot request a stay of the January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive on a noticed motion. The impact of the January 22, 2019 Amended Safety Directive puts Jane Doe in immediate danger – both physical and psychological – and deprives her of educational opportunities. Jane Doe is the victim, not Assailant, a fact that that District has already conclusively established. The District's refusal to allow her full and complete access to GRT is an assault on Jane Doe's livelihood and unconstitutionally deprives her of her right to equal access to education, pursuant to Title IX. This unilateral and unconscionable decision by the District has forced Jane Doe to stay home from school this week, and prevented her from attending GRT. As a result of this emergency, an ex parte application seeking immediate judicial intervention is required.

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Exhibit A



# PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

25 CHURCHILL AVENUE
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 94306
(650) 329-3709 FAX (650) 326-7463 .

October 23, 2018



Re: Outcome of Investigation of Sexual Harassment Investigation File No. 31628

Dear

A formal Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) complaint was filed by your daughter, (Complainant), against fellow student, (Respondent) alleging violations of PAUSD Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment. The District concluded its investigation into these allegations, and this letter includes the findings of the investigation.

#### INVESTIGATION

On or about September 6, 2018, Gunn commenced an investigation into this matter and retained Megan Miller, a licensed attorney to investigate this matter on behalf of PAUSD. The investigation included interviews of Complainant, Respondent, and 14 witnesses. Parties were given the opportunity to supply any documents to the investigator and all documents submitted were reviewed. The Complainant alleged that Respondent made the following statements to her and claimed such statements constituted sexual harassment:

- Respondent sent Complainant the following text on May 9, 2018: "It's hard to respect someone [after] you've shoved your dick down their throat";
- Respondent sent Complainant the following text on May 10, 2018: "How's your sex life?":
- Respondent made the following comment about Complainant in the presence of other students, "That's better than can do," in reference to student V.A. simulating oral sex on a banana; and
- Respondent made the following comment about Complainant in the presence of other students, "[Complainant] is a 4 out of 10 in bed," in reference to Complainant's sexual performance.

Further, during the course of this investigation, a No Contact Directive was put in place to keep the students from interacting with one another. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated this No Contact Directive in the following ways:

- Respondent "stared and glared" at Complainant when saw her on campus;
- Respondent "repeatedly showed up" where Complaint eats lunch;
- Respondent intentionally parked his bike in Complainant's area of the N bike rack; and
- Respondent intentionally signed up for the October 27, 2018 GRT concessions event,
   which was prohibited under the No Contact Directive.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

With regard to the factual allegations and using a preponderance of the evidence standard, the investigator concluded that Respondent:

- Sent Complainant the following text on May 9, 2018: "It's hard to respect someone [after] you've
- shoved your dick down their throat";
- Sent Complainant the following text on May 10, 2018: "How's your sex life?";
- Made the following comment about Complainant in the presence of other students, "That's better than can do," in reference to student V.A. simulating oral sex on a banana; and
- Made the following comment about Complainant in the presence of other students, "[Complainant] is a 4 out of 10 in bed," in reference to Complainant's sexual performance.

With regard to the No Contact Directive violation allegations, the investigator concluded using a preponderance of the evidence standard that Respondent:

- Did not "stare and glare" at Complainant when saw her on campus;
- Did not "repeatedly show up" where Complaint eats lunch;
- Did not intentionally park his bike in Complainant's area of the N bike rack; and
- Did not intentionally violate the NCA by signing up for the October 27, 2018 GRT concessions event.

#### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based on these findings and using a preponderance of the evidence standard, the investigator concluded that the sexual harassment allegations constituted sexual harassment in violation of PAUSD Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment, because this behavior was unwelcome, severe and created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment and limited Complainant's ability to benefit from her participation in her educational pursuits at Gunn.

Specifically, the investigator concluded the following:

- 1. The conduct was unwelcome. The text messages probed into Complainant's sex life and suggests that she was not deserving of respect because she was forced to participate in a sexual activity. The public comments were unwelcome because they publicly criticized Complainant's sexual performance.
- 2. The conduct was severe. The comments made about Complainant's sexual performance were given as a matter of public discussion without her consent to such a discussion and involved criticisms of her sexual performance.
- 3. The conduct limited Complainant's ability to benefit from her educational environment. Complainant credibly reported that seeing Respondent caused her distress and suffering distress related to Respondent attempting to join the GRT team, an environment that had previously been a safe place and the focus of her academic interest.

Further, the investigator concluded that Respondent did not violate the No Contact Order pending during this investigation because the behavior as alleged was not found to have happened, using a preponderance of the evidence standard.

#### **DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINT**

PAUSD has concluded that Respondent violated Board Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment. Discipline related to this policy violation will be handled at the school site.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

Upon notification of this complaint, PAUSD took action to separate Complainant and Respondent through a no contact directive that was revisited and revised a number of times throughout this process, as additional information was provided by the parties. Parties were in separate classes, lunched in different locations, and were restricted from participating in the same after-school activities. Both parties were connected with an Assistant Principal to notify if violations occurred.

Going forward, the no contact directive will remain in effect for the 2018-19 school year.

#### **APPEAL RIGHTS**

Complainant has the right to appeal the conclusion of this matter. If Complainant is dissatisfied with the District's decision, the Complainant may appeal in writing to the California Department of Education (CDE). (Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4632) Complainant must file an appeal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Complainant alleged that Respondent forced her to engage in sexual acts at an off-campus location, but this investigation does not explore this allegation as it occurred away from school. The investigator noted that the text message itself would be unwelcome even if the conduct described in the text had been consensual.

within 15 calendar days of receiving this decision and specify the basis for the appeal and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. Any appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the District's decision. (5 CCR 4632) State civil law remedies with respect to the District related to this matter may also be available to you. If Complainant wishes to pursue such remedies, Complainant must wait until 60 calendar days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing state law civil law remedies. (Education Code 262.3) Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex/gender, disability or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. (<a href="www.ed.gov/ocr">www.ed.gov/ocr</a>) Such complaints must generally be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

#### RETALIATION

Please note that the District prohibits retaliation against you for your participation in the complaint process. Should any such retaliation occur, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, should you experience discriminatory conduct related to the District in the future, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Megan Farrell
Title IX Coordinator

# PERMANENT SAFETY DIRECTIVE 2018-2019 Academic Year CONCLUDING TITLE IX INVESTIGATION FILE NO. 38162 11/5/18 NOTICE TO COMPLAINANT

The Title IX investigation of this matter has concluded, and the following Permanent Safety Directive is in place based upon the investigation findings and will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year:

#### **TODAY THROUGH THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2018**

- Both parties will have no contact and will not communicate in person, by phone, digitally, through social media and other means;
- Respondent will not park his bike in the N Bike Rack area, located behind building N;
- Respondent is free to park his bike at any other bike rack at Gunn;
- Complainant will eat lunch in the bat cave or the science wing areas; Respondent will not eat lunch in the bat cave and/or the science wing areas;
- If either party comes into contact with the other party in passing, he/she will avert his/her eyes and walk the other way;
- The school is a dynamic environment. Seeing each other, passing in the hall, and other unplanned and inconsequential interactions between the parties will not be deemed to be violations of this Directive.

#### **TODAY THROUGH DECEMBER 2018 - Robotics**

- For Robotics class and shop projects from today through December 2018, the following schedule will be followed:
  - Respondent will attend the after-school Robotics shop builds and Welding instruction on Wednesdays only; Respondent will not attend the after-school Robotics shop builds or instructional sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays;
  - Complainant will attend after-school Robotics shop builds and after-school instructional sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays; Complainant will not attend the after-school Robotics shop builds on Wednesday; and
  - Neither party will suffer any negative academic consequences for failing to participate on a day when he/she is not permitted to be in the after-school shop builds.

#### JANUARY 2019 THROUGH END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR- Robotics

- Complainant and Respondent will attend their separate Robotics' classes and will avoid each other when the classes follow each other in the schedule; and.
- Respondent will not be permitted to join the afterschool GRT Build Team for the 2018-2019 school
  year and will not participate in afterschool GRT Build activities; beginning in January of 2019.

Allegations of violations of this Directive must be put in writing by the parents or parties and provided to the Administration at the school site who will independently determine the next steps. Violations of this Directive may result in additional Safety Measures and/or extending the timeframe of this Directive as well as any other measures deemed appropriate by the school site.

# AMENDED SAFETY DIRECTIVE 2018-2019 Academic Year CONCLUDING TITLE IX INVESTIGATION FILE NO. 38162 1/22/19 NOTICE TO COMPLAINANT

The following Amended Safety Directive will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year:

#### **TODAY THROUGH THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019**

- Both parties will have no contact and will not communicate in person, by phone, digitally, through social media and other means;
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- Respondent is free to park his bike at any other bike rack at Gunn;
- Complainant will eat lunch in the bat cave or the science wing areas; Respondent will not eat lunch in the bat cave and/or the science wing areas;
- If either party comes into contact with the other party in passing, he/she will avert his/her eyes and walk the other way;
- The school is a dynamic environment. Seeing each other, passing in the hall, and other unplanned and inconsequential interactions between the parties will not be deemed to be violations of this Directive.

### TODAY THROUGH DECEMBER 2018 - Engineering Tech Class/Gunn Robotics Team (GRT)

- For Robotics class and shop projects from today through December 2018, the following schedule will be followed:
  - Respondent will attend the after-school Robotics shop builds and Welding instruction on Wednesdays only; Respondent will not attend the after-school Robotics shop builds or instructional sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays;
  - Complainant will attend after-school Robotics shop builds and after-school instructional sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays; Complainant will not attend the after-school Robotics shop builds on Wednesday; and
  - Neither party will suffer any negative academic consequences for failing to participate on a day when he/she is not permitted to be in the after-school shop builds.

# JANUARY 2019 THROUGH END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR- Engineering Tech Class/Gunn Robotics Team (GRT)

- Complainant and Respondent will not be assigned to the same Engineering Tech class during the instructional day;
- Respondent will be permitted to join the afterschool Gunn Robotics Team (GRT) from January 22, 2019 through the end of the school year. However, Complainant and Respondent will follow alternate schedules Monday through Sunday, pursuant to the attached proposed schedule;
- With relation to participation in any field trips, District shall coordinate with the parties to support both parties' participation;
- District shall provide additional supervision in after-school activities and field trips to support both parties' participation.

Allegations of violations of this Directive must be put in writing by the parents or parties and provided to the Administration at the school site who will independently determine the next steps. Violations of this Directive

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