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NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING VISIT BY BUREAU OF CHILDREN'S JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT SECTION, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Staff Members:

The mission of the Bureau of Children's Justice in the Civil Rights Enforcement Section, a unit of the California Department of Justice, is to protect the rights of children and focus Department of Justice resources on the importance of safeguarding every child so that they can meet their full potential.

On March 7, 8, and 9, 2022, the Bureau of Children's Justice will be visiting the Oroville City Elementary School District as part of our confidential investigation and monitoring regarding the District's compliance with the judgment in *People v. Oroville City Elementary School District*, state anti-discrimination laws, and other laws with respect to the school discipline process.

Among other things, California law protects students from being discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability status and foster or homeless youth status during the school discipline process. California law also requires the District to provide students with other in-school alternative means of correction prior to school suspension for a number of offenses and includes specific protections for students with disabilities.

During the Bureau of Children's Justice's visit, Office Hours for district staff will be held at Ishi Hills Middle School on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

We would like to hear from you regarding your experiences in the District specifically with respect to supportive school climate and implementing school discipline, including alternative means of correction, Culturally Responsive-Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, class or school removals, suspensions, expulsions, and transfers. We would also like to hear from you regarding your experiences with reporting any issues regarding harassment, discrimination, and retaliation and implementation of school discipline and alternative means of correction to the District. The California Department of Justice will keep communications confidential and will not identify you in any public reports or filings by the California Department of Justice, unless required by law.

To meet confidentially with a representative from the Bureau of Children's Justice, you can email Deputy Attorney General Virginia Corrigan, <u>virginia.corrigan@doj.ca.gov</u>, to schedule a specific time or come directly to Stanford Elementary School at the time above for a 15 minute meeting. If you are unable to meet with us on the day of our visit, but would like to speak with us at another time, please email: <u>virginia.corrigan@doj.ca.gov</u>.