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July 16, 2026

Patricia Kelly, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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Grand Jury
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FILED
SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA
COUNTY of SANTA BARBARA
07/16/2026
Angela Braun, Executive Officer
BY *Mark Hanson*
M. Hanson Deputy Clerk

Dear Judge Kelly and Members of the Grand Jury:

On behalf of the Manzanita Public Charter School, I am responding to the findings and recommendations as requested:

Response to Finding:

- The respondent **agrees** with the finding.

Responses to Recommendation:

- The recommendation **will be implemented** in the future, with an implementation schedule outlined below.

Implementation Details & Schedule

1. Website Language Update

We will be updating the language on our website to read as follows:

If you would like to speak at an upcoming Manzanita Public Charter School Governance Board meeting, please submit a [**Request to Address the Governance Board Form**] (insert link here).

- **How to Submit:** Email form to Ninette Height at Ninette.Height@manzanitacharterschool.com
- **Deadline:** If you would like us to be prepared to address the Governance Board, please submit by 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting.
- **Please Note:** Completing this form is encouraged but is not a prerequisite for speaking; you are still welcome to address the Board if you choose not to submit it.

2. Agenda Language Update

We will be updating the language in the "Request to Address the Governance Board" section of our agendas to read as follows:

"Request to Address the Governance Board" forms are available in English and Spanish to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda item(s) or under the general category of "Oral Communications." However, Completing this form is encouraged but is not a prerequisite for speaking; you are still welcome to address the Board if you choose not to submit it.

3. Form Language Update

We will be updating the language on our physical and digital "Request to Address the Governance Board" forms to include the following notice:

Please Note: Completing this form is encouraged but is not a prerequisite for speaking; you are still welcome to address the Board if you choose not to submit it.

4. Implementation Timeline

Updates to items 1 through 3 will be fully completed and live by **July 16, 2026**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Nicastro', written in a cursive style.

Suzanne Nicastro

Superintendent/CEO

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