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MEDIA STATEMENT FROM GUHSD BOARD PRESIDENT ROBERT SHIELD

RE: RELEASE OF SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING EDUCATOR SEXUAL ABUSE AND EDUCATOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AT HELIX CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

The Summary of Investigation Concerning Educator Sexual Abuse and Educator Sexual Misconduct at Helix Charter High School has been completed. This investigation was performed at the request of the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) Board fulfilling its oversight responsibilities as the chartering agency. Any member of the public may obtain a redacted copy of this report on the District website: www.guhsd.net.

The Board is fully cooperating with the District Attorney in this investigation. A copy of this report will be provided to the District Attorney.

Some key areas of concern identified in this report for the Grossmont Union High School District Board are:

- “Overall, Helix has not consistently complied with the mandated reporter law and reporting requirements of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.” [pages 7, see also 23]
- The principal of Helix repeatedly promised full and complete cooperation. However, the principal “refused to meet with the investigator but said that he was available for a meeting with Superintendent Collins.” [page 16]
 - And, “request[s] for access to these witnesses met with a challenge by Helix and its legal counsel, who would not provide access to the requested witnesses.” [page 13]
- The principal made statements “inconsistent with the facts as we know them.” [page 25] and “inconsistent with the findings of our investigation.” [page 29]

Board President Shield stated, “These are serious issues that have been identified at Helix Charter High School that require thoughtful deliberation. Adequate time must be given to allow the Board to consider the contents of this report, and carefully consider its response. The Board is committed to handling this issue in a transparent manner while respecting the privacy of the staff and students at Helix.