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Interim Superintendent of Schools Edward Velasquez

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Dear San Diego County School District Foster Care Liaisons,
Pupil Services Administrators and Directors of Special Education:

The San Diego Office of Education, Student Support Services Division, and Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) has worked through our FYSCP Executive Advisory to assist all San Diego County school districts in responding to the Education Code changes in AB 1909 which went into effect January 1, 2013. These changes require notification to the students' attorney and the local child welfare authority when a student in foster care is going to a manifestation or expulsion hearing. The exact code section with amendments is below for your reference.

Effective February 6, 2018, the contacts for all San Diego County School Districts **have been updated** and are as follows:

Child Welfare Authority:
San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services
Melinda Verbon, Program Specialist
(858) 616-5880
melinda.verbon@sdcounty.ca.gov

Minors Attorney:
Beth Ploesch, Firm 1 Director
Children's Legal Services San Diego
858-221-0402
bethp@clssandiego.org

Steve Wedel, Director, Firm 2
Children's Legal Services of San Diego
(858) 221-0402
SteveW@clssandiego.org

Ms. Verbon, Ms. Ploesh and Mr. Wedel will ensure notices are distributed to the appropriate social worker and attorney.

Attached for your reference are the amended education codes. Please contact our office at (619) 683-9340 x16 if you should have any questions regarding this matter.

Best regards,

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