SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT

<u>MISCELLANEOUS ORDER – M-2017-3</u>

TITLE: **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SECURE ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE OF FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATION PLACEMENT INFORMATION**

TO: **DIRECTOR, ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, COUNTY OF ORANGE
SUPERINTENDENT, ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The stated purpose of the Orange County Integrated Foster Youth Education Database (OCIFYED) maintained by the Orange County Superintendent of Schools (Superintendent), also known as the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), is to securely exchange information on foster youth education placements with participating public school districts in Orange County. Participating public school districts in Orange County will upload to the OCIFYED on a daily basis specific educational information on foster youth (defined broadly to include both dependents and wards) attending schools within their jurisdiction. The OCIFYED will allow data to be accessed in real time by authorized school district administrators (which could include any school district administrator who is authorized to access the district's student information system (i.e. Aeries) such as the district's FY liaison, school principal, assistant principal, school psychologist or counselor) in Orange County participating in the OCIFYED to ensure coordination of educational supports and services for foster youth in a timely manner and to facilitate timely enrollment and placement in appropriate school courses.

The Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) and the County of Orange Probation Department (Probation) will permit OCDE to upload education placement information maintained in the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System

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1 (CWS/CMS) relating to foster youth under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Juvenile

2 Court (Juvenile Court) to the OCIFYED. The OCIFYED will provide school districts with

3 timely and accurate placement information on foster youth attending schools within their

4 jurisdiction. The OCIFYED will also enable OCDE to provide social workers and probation

5 officers with current reports on foster youth educational case plans in order to update the

6 Juvenile Court on foster youth academic progress and ensure coordination of educational

7 supports and services.

8 The foster youth data to be uploaded on a daily basis by SSA from SSA's CWS/CMS

9 to the OCIFYED will consist of the following data elements: 1) placement or family

10 maintenance; 2) client ID; 3) case ID; 4) case start date; 5) current placement start date; 6)

11 current placement end date; 7) social worker/probation officer name, email address and

12 telephone number; 8) social worker supervisor/probation officer supervisor name, email

13 address and telephone number; 9) responsible County placing agency; 10) whether parent's

14 educational rights are limited and if so, the name, address, telephone number and email

15 address of the court-appointed educational rights holder (in the event such person is a CASA

16 volunteer, the educational rights holder will be identified as set forth in Form JV-535); 11)

17 date of last update; 12) next court date and court room number; 13) current placement name,

18 address, and telephone number; 14) current placement type; 15) confidential placement

19 status; and 16) placement information concerning the child determined to be appropriate by

20 the SSA/ Probation, as authorized by law. This Order authorizes the release of this data only

21 to be uploaded electronically on a daily basis by SSA from SSA's CWS/CMS to the

22 OCIFYED.

23 The OCIFYED will also include data fields in addition to those identified above in order to

24 further facilitate the collaboration and timely communication among the school districts and

25 SSA to ensure strong coordination of educational supports and services for foster youth.

26 Once these additional data fields begin to be populated in CWS/CMS, the additional data will

27 be included in the foster youth data elements to be uploaded electronically on a daily basis by

28 SSA from SSA's CWS/CMS to the OCIFYED as described above. This Order authorizes the

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release of these additional data fields so that when the information is populated in CWS/CMS it can be uploaded into the OCIFYED. The additional data fields include: 1) minor attorney's name, telephone number and email address; 2) Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) name, telephone number and email address; 3) current placement contact name, telephone number, cell phone number and email address; and 4) two additional data fields to be individualized to the foster youth based on specific supports/services being provided (i.e., mental health service provider, Wraparound service provider), consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code section 16010(a).

Through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Superintendent and participating public school districts in Orange County, the foster youth data to be uploaded on a daily basis from public school districts to the OCIFYED consists of the following data elements, which shall include but not be limited to: 1) the names and addresses of the foster youth's education providers; 2) grade level performance; and 3) school records including current grade level, dates of attendance, home language survey, courses taken, grades/transcripts, graduation date, health record including immunizations, supports/interventions, extra-curricular activities, discipline record, and individualized education plan (IEP) and/or Section 504 Plan, if any, as authorized by law.

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to Sections 827 and 830 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, SSA, Probation, and OCDE are authorized to share and exchange foster youth education placement information on OCIFYED among the entities named in this Miscellaneous order for the purpose of promoting and improving foster youth education outcomes.

Dated this 14ᵗʰ day of December , 2017

Maria D. Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court

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