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15 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

16 **COUNTY OF ORANGE**

17 VINCE BURKLUND on behalf of himself,
18 the State of California, and others similarly
19 situated and aggrieved,

20 Plaintiff,

21 v.

22 GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT, a California public school
24 district; and DOES 1-100, inclusive,

25 Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC

Assigned for All Purposes to:

Hon. Melissa R. McCormick

Dept. CX-104

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
OF SEPIDEH ARDESTANI IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION, COLLECTIVE ACTION,
AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

Date: July 17, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Dept.: CX-104

1 I, SEPIDEH ARDESTANI, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice in California and before this Court, and I
3 am a partner with Crosner Legal, P.C., counsel of record for Plaintiff Vince Burklund in the above-
4 captioned matter. If called to testify as to the facts within, I would and could competently do so.

5 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the Parties' Second
6 Amended Class Action, Collective Action, and PAGA Settlement Agreement and Class Notice (the
7 "Settlement Agreement"). Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a redline of the Settlement Agreement
8 reflecting all edits made. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the revised Class
9 Notice, and attached as Exhibit 4 is a redline of the notice reflecting all edits made. Attached hereto
10 as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the revised objection form. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is
11 a redline of the Objection Form reflecting all edits made.

12 3. After inquiry to all other members of my firm, I remain unaware of any other class,
13 representative or other collective action in any other court in this or any other jurisdiction that asserts
14 claims against similar to those asserted in this action on behalf of a class or group of individuals that
15 would include some or all of the individuals who would be Class Members or Aggrieved Employees
16 in this matter.

17 4. The Settlement Agreement, Class Notice, and [Proposed] Order all have been
18 revised to reflect the Court preliminary approves an enhancement award of \$5,000.

19 5. Concurrently herewith Defendant is submitting a declaration attesting that after
20 reasonable inquiry it is unaware of any other class, collective, or representative matters that may
21 overlap with this matter and the proposed settlement.

22 6. The first sentence of Section 7.8.4 has been revised consistent with Sections 7.6
23 and the second sentence of Paragraph 7.8.4.

24 7. The Objection Form has been revised in accordance with Paragraphs 1.44 and 7.7.2
25 of the Settlement Agreement.

26 8. The release headings in the Class Notice now are consistent with the release
27 headings on the Settlement Agreement.

9. The objection procedure in Section 7 of the Class Notice now refers to the Objection Form.

10. In Section 9 of the Class Notice, the words “at least” have been inserted after “for” and before “180.”

11. Counsel's name and contact information have been removed from the [Proposed] Order submitted herewith.

12. The paragraph numbering in the [Proposed] Order is consecutive.

13. My office gave submitted the amended Settlement Agreement and this supplemental declaration to the LWDA, and further gave notice of the continued hearing, via the LWDA's online portal, and further served all documents on the LWDA as reflected on the accompanying proof of service. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of the LWDA's acknowledgment of receipt.

14. For all the foregoing reasons, as well as those addressed in prior briefing, I believe the settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the class.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 16th day of May 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

J. Auer
Declarant

EXHIBIT

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SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION, COLLECTIVE ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Second Amended Class Action, Collective Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff Vince Burklund (“Plaintiff”) and defendant Garden Grove Unified School District (“Garden Grove” or “Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant captioned *Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District*, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC initiated on May 17, 2022 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means all non-exempt individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Class” means all non-exempt individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period.
- 1.6. “Class Counsel” means Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie K. Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani of Crosner Legal, P.C.
- 1.7. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel, and approved by the Court, for Class Counsel’s reasonable attorneys’ fees, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.8. “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel, and approved by the Court, for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.9. “Class Data” means Class Member information in Defendant’s possession consisting of Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.10. “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-

Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

- 1.11. "Class Member Address Search" means the Administrator's investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.12. "Class Notice" means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese in the substantially in the same form as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.13. "Class Period" means the period from May 5, 2019 through August 16, 2023.
- 1.14. "Class Representative" means the named Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.
- 1.15. "Class Representative Service Payment" means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.16. "Court" means the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.
- 1.17. "Defendant" means Defendant Garden Grove Unified School District.
- 1.18. "Defense Counsel" means Amber S. Healy and Hailey N. Oberst of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.
- 1.19. "Effective Date" means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement and/or intervenes in the Action, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement and/or intervenes in the Action, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.20. "Final Approval" means the Court's order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.21. "Final Approval Hearing" means the Court's hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22. "Final Judgment" means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.23. "Gross Settlement Amount" means \$780,000 which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual, PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment,

Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administrator's Expenses.

- 1.24. "Individual Class Payment" means the Participating Class Member's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
- 1.25. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.26. "Judgment" means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.27. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.28. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.29. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments; the LWDA PAGA Payment; Class Representative Service Payment; Class Counsel Fees Payment; Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment; and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.30. "Non-Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.31. "PAGA Pay Period" means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.32. "PAGA Period" means the period from May 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023.
- 1.33. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. *et seq.*).
- 1.34. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's March 10, 2022 letter which Plaintiff maintains provided notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.35. "PAGA Penalties" means the the PAGA civil penalties of \$50,000 which are to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$12,500) and the 75% to LWDA (\$37,500) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.36. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.37. "Plaintiff" means Vince Burklund, the named plaintiff in the Action.

- 1.38. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.39. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.40. “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraphs 5.3 – 5.4 below.
- 1.41. “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraphs 5.3 – 5.4 below.
- 1.42. “Released Parties” means: Defendant and its past and present officers, employees, governing boards, agents, representatives, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, successors or assignees.
- 1.43. “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member. Any such exclusion applies only to Class Claims. Requests for Exclusion concerning the claims under PAGA will not be considered.
- 1.44. “Response Deadline” means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may fax, email, or mail to the Administrator any: (a) Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, (b) Objections to the Settlement, or (c) disputes to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.45. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.46. “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day, during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On May 17, 2022, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a representative complaint seeking penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”) for Defendant for failure to pay minimum wages for all hours worked. On August 25, 2023, Plaintiff amended his complaint to include additional class claims and causes of action for: (1) the recovery of unpaid minimum wages and liquidated damages, pursuant to California Labor Code sections 182.12, 1194, 1197, 1197.1 and IWC Wage Order 4-2001, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201 *et seq.*), and (3) unfair competition pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17200 *et seq.* (The amended complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the “Operative Complaint.”).

- 2.2. Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply

with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

- 2.3. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff contends that he gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.4. On May 16, 2023, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Francis J. Ortman, III, Esq. The mediation resulted in a settlement.
- 2.5. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through formal and informal discovery, documents and information. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.6. The Court has not granted class certification or otherwise evaluated the merits of the case or the claims asserted therein.
- 2.7. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant promises to pay \$780,000 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the portion of the Individual Class Payments allocated to wages. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount or any payroll taxes prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. There is no claims process for this Settlement, this is a common fund, non-reversionary settlement such that Class Members and Aggrieved Employees shall not have to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.
- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
 - 3.2.1. To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$5,000, in addition to an Individual Class Payment any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement

Amount. Should the Court award an amount less than \$5,000 as the Service Payment that shall not be a material alteration of this Agreement and Plaintiff waives any right to appeal the modification and/or reduction of the Service Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.

3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 33.33%, which is currently estimated to be \$260,000 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$29,000. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Should the Court award an amount less than requested as Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expense Payment neither shall be a material alteration of this Agreement and Plaintiff waives any right to appeal the modification and/or reduction of the Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$28,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$28,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: Each Participating Class Member's respective Individual Class Payment shall be calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of aggregated Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's respective Workweeks.

3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of PAGA claims and shall be entirely allocated to interest and penalties which are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms (the "Non-Wage Portion"). Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on the Non-Wage Portion. The remaining 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment

will be allocated to the settlement of wage claims (the “Wage Portion”). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms.

3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$37,500) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$12,500) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees’ 25% share of PAGA Penalties \$12,500 by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee’s PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Any reduction by the Court of the PAGA Penalties shall not be a material modification and Plaintiff waives the right to appeal any such modifications. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms to the extent required by law.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendant estimated at the time of mediation that there were 3,960 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 521,714 Workweeks, 3,429 Aggrieved Employees who had 70,081 total PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Class Data. Not later than thirty (30) days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members’ privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties

and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall transfer the Gross Settlement Amount plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a QSF established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administrator to be deposited and distributed.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Provided that the Effective Date has passed, no later than 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. Release Language on Settlement Checks. The Settlement Administrator shall include the following release language on the back of each Settlement Check for Participating Class Members:

"This check is your settlement payment in connection with the court-approved class action settlement in *Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School Dist.* (OCSC Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC). By not opting out/excluding yourself from the Settlement, you have released Garden Grove Unified School District and other Releasees of claims under California law as defined in the Settlement Agreement. By signing or cashing this check, you are consenting to join the collective action and affirm your release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act against Releasees."

4.4.3. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class

Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Participating Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered and such undeliverable checks shall not impact the Release. The Administrator shall maintain records showing all remailings conducted and the date(s) of such re-mailings. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Participating Class Member and/or Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, provided the replacement is requested by the Participating Class Member and/or Aggrieved Employee provided that the request is prior to the void date and it is confirmed that the original check was not cashed or otherwise negotiated.

4.4.4. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.5. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

5.1. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.2. Plaintiff's General Release. Plaintiff and his respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences up to and through the date on which this Agreement is executed and subject to the Effective Date occurring, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged by Plaintiff, including but not limited to those based on the facts contained, in the Operative Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint, Plaintiff's PAGA Notice, and all claims released under 5.2.1 below. ("Plaintiff's Release.") Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, or workers' compensation benefits. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

- 5.2.1. Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542.
For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

- 5.3. Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Not Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including, any and all claims involving (1) any failure to pay all minimum wages and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201, et. seq.), and (3) violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code sections 2698 et. seq.) from May 5, 2019 through the date the Court signs the preliminary approval order. Participating Class Members' release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. will be deemed released upon the Participating Class Members' negotiation, signature, or deposit of their Individual Class Payment which shall contain the language set forth in Paragraph 4.4.2.
- 5.4. Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of itself, themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties from May 17, 2021 to the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notice, including without limitation PAGA claims predicated on violations of the Wage Orders, California Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2 1197, and 1197.1
- 5.5. Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, premium wages in lieu of missed/denied/late meal and periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to timely pay wages during the course of employment and upon separation of employment, failure to provide a safe and healthful place of employment, and failure to issue accurately itemized wage statements during the PAGA Period.

Aggrieved Employees only release these claims for the duration of the PAGA Period.

5.6.

5.6.1. No Right to Opt-Out or Object to PAGA Release. Because this Settlement, in part, resolves claims and actions brought pursuant to PAGA by Plaintiff acting as a proxy and as a private attorney general of and for the State of California and the LWDA, the Parties agree that no Aggrieved Employee (including Plaintiff) has the right to exclude themselves from the PAGA Release, regardless of whether: (1) the Aggrieved Employee opts-out of the Class Release; (2) the Aggrieved Employee cashes or otherwise receives any payment from this Settlement. Upon the Effective Date, this Settlement will preclude Aggrieved Employees from pursuing any of the Released Claims against the Released Parties. The Parties also agree that no Aggrieved Employee (including Plaintiff) has the right to object to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval (“Motion for Preliminary Approval”).

6.1. Plaintiff’s Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its “not to exceed” bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; (v) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); (vi) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members,. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel Declaration shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2. Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court’s Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

- 6.3. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Class Settlement Administrators ("Phoenix") to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4. Notice to Class Members.
- 7.4.1. No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received.
- 7.4.2. Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 7.4.3. Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained.

The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time. The Administrator shall maintain records showing returned items, date(s) of re-mailing, and proof of address searches completed for those that are returned.

7.4.4. The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

7.4.5. If the Administrator, Defendant or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

7.5. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7.5.1. Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline and must be directed to the Administrator.

7.5.2. The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.5.3. Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement,

including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4. Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.4 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.6. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Settlement Administrator may make the initial decision regarding claim disputes, but the court may review any decision made by the Settlement Administrator regarding a claim dispute. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges. The parties shall file with the court all disputes submitted by Class members, the evidence of submissions, and the resolution of the dispute.

7.7. Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1. Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.7.2. Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. Participating Class Members may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at their own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3. Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

- 7.8. Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.
- 7.8.1. Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.
- 7.8.2. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).
- 7.8.3. Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 7.8.4. Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Settlement Administrator may make the initial decision regarding claim disputes, but the court may review any decision made by the Settlement Administrator regarding a claim dispute. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of

Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges. The parties shall file with the court all disputes submitted by Class members, the evidence of submissions, and the resolution of the dispute.

- 7.8.5. Administrator's Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.
- 7.8.6. Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.
8. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES.** Based on its records, Defendant's estimated that, as of the date of mediation there were: (1) 3,960 Class Members and 521,714 Total Workweeks and (2) there were 3,429 Aggrieved Employees who worked 70,081 Pay Periods.
9. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval.

Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

- 10.1. Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
- 10.2. Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members or Aggrieved Employees), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph and Class Counsel and Plaintiff waive the right to appeal such modifications.
- 10.3. Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 10.4. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 10.5. Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members or Aggrieved Employees), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as

long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- 12.1. No Admission of Liability, Class Certification, Collective or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification, collective and/or representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class or collective group for any reason, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action (including those relate to class, collective and representative action treatment), and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).
- 12.2. Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.3. No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class

Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

- 12.4. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 12.5. Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.6. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 12.7. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.8. No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.9. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 12.10. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties and successors of the Participating Class Members and Aggrieved Employees.
- 12.11. Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 12.12. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and

preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.

- 12.13. Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not communicate with the press about the fact, amount, or terms of the Settlement. In addition, the Parties and their counsel agree that they will not engage in any advertising or distribute any marketing materials relating to the Settlement, including but not limited to any postings on any websites maintained by Plaintiff's Counsel. Any communication to Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees about the Settlement prior to Court approval of the Settlement will be limited to a statement that a settlement has been reached and the details will be communicated in a written letter to the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. However, nothing shall prevent the Parties from informing counsel purporting to represent Class Members or Aggrieved Employees that the lawsuit has been resolved subject to the approval by the Court. Nothing herein restricts Class Counsels' required disclosures and/or submissions of information and/or documents to the LWDA in conformity with the statutory requirements of PAGA and/or at the specific direction of the Court.
- 12.14. Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 12.15. Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 12.16. Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 12.17. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by e-mail or messenger, addressed as follows:

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12.18. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

12.19. Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES, AND TO RECEIVE THE CONSIDERATION SET FORTH ABOVE, PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANT, FREELY AND KNOWINGLY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTER INTO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Settlement Agreement as of the date set forth below:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

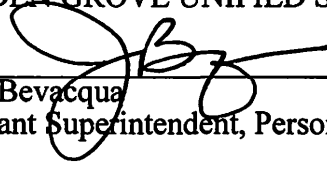
Date: 04 / 29 / 2025, 2025



Plaintiff Vince Burklund
Individually and Aggrieved Employees and Class
Members

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: MAY 5, 2025, 2025


Jason Bevacqua
Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services

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Date: May /16/2025, 2025


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Date: May 7, 2025


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**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

(Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District,

OCSC Case Nos. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC and 30-2022-01258164-CU-OE-CXC)

***The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
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You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action and representative lawsuit (“Action”) against Garden Grove Unified School District (abbreviated name; “Defendant” is used herein as a placeholder) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former Garden Grove employee Vince Burklund (“Plaintiff”) and seeks payment of minimum wages for a class of non-exempt employees (“Class Members”) who worked for Defendant during the Class Period (May 17, 2019 through August 16, 2023); and (2) penalties under the Private Attorney’s General Act (“PAGA”) for all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period (May 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023) (“Aggrieved Employees”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Defendant’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_____ and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.) The numbers above are estimates only and are subject to adjustment by the Court which could increase or decrease the amounts listed.

The above estimates are based on Defendant’s records showing that **you worked _____ workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked _____ Pay Periods (not workweeks)** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two options

under the Settlement:

Do Nothing. You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims against Defendant.

Opt-Out of the Class Settlement. You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

**Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take
with respect to the proposed Settlement.**

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment. In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

You Can Participate in the Final Approval Hearing	The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don’t have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant’s records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former Garden Grove employee. The Action alleges that Defendant violated the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and California Labor Code. The lawsuit asserts claims for unpaid wages, unpaid minimum wages, overtime, off the clock wages, liquidated damages, penalties and interest. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) (“PAGA”). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani (“Class Counsel.”)

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not made any determination regarding whether the claims in the lawsuit have any merit.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator and mediated the matter in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

Defendant Will Pay \$780,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall transfer Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$780,000) plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administer to be deposited and distributed.

Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

Up to \$260,000 (33.33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$29,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

Up to \$10,000 as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

Up to \$28,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

Up to \$50,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks. The estimated Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to Participating Class Members is \$_____. Of the Net Settlement Amount 20% will be distributed to Class Members as wages, 80% as penalties and interest.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve

an allocation of 80% of each Individual Class Payment to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion”). The Non-Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payment is counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Non-Wage Portion on IRS 1099 Forms and will not deduct applicable taxes. The remaining 20% of each Individual Class Payment shall be allocated to wages (“Wage Portion”) for tax purposes. The Administrator shall provide IRS W-2 Forms for the Wage Portions and will deduct applicable taxes.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Aggrieved Employees. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 100% of each Individual PAGA Payment to penalties and interest. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payment on IRS 1099 Form and will not debit applicable taxes.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If your Individual Class or PAGA Payment remains uncashed and is deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

If you do not cash your Individual PAGA Payment, you are still bound by the PAGA release.

Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify fill out and submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion to the Administrator by mail, fax, or email, not later than _____, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the _____ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue claims covered by the Action and Settlement against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court

will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. Class Members may submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion by mail, fax or email. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opt out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for the claims covered by the Action and this Settlement.

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are not Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Not Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including, any and all claims involving (1) any failure to pay all minimum wages and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201, et. seq.), and (3) violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code sections 2698 et. seq.) from May 5, 2019 through the date the Court signs the preliminary approval order. Participating Class Members’ release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.* will be deemed released upon the Participating Class Members’ negotiation, signature, or deposit of their Individual Class Payment

After the judgement is final, the Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of itself, themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties from May 17, 2021 to the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement that were alleged, or

reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notice, including without limitation PAGA claims predicated on violations of the Wage Orders, California Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2 1197, and 1197.1

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, premium wages in lieu of missed/denied/late meal and periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to timely pay wages during the course of employment and upon separation of employment, failure to provide a safe and healthful place of employment, and failure to issue accurately itemized wage statements during the PAGA Period. Aggrieved Employees only release these claims for the duration of the PAGA Period.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY SETTLEMENT PAYMENT?

Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$12,500 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.

Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until _____ to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, e-mail or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the

documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendant's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by ____, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

Participating Class Members may fill out the enclosed Objection Form or send a written objection to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. Participating Class Members may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at their own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

At least 16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website (url) _____ or the Court's website (url) _____.

The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is _____. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on _____ at (time) in Department CX104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comments from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website _____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will post all key documents on its website (_____url_____), including the operative complaint, the PAGA notice letters to the LWDA, the settlement agreement and any amendments, the notice packet, the orders granting preliminary and final approval, and the judgment. The judgment will be posted for at least 180 days. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below or consult the Superior Court website by going to <https://ocapps.occourts.org/civilwebShoppingNS/Search.do> and entering the Case Number for the

Action, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Orange County Superior Court by calling (657) 622-6878.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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of Company:

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Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Fax Number:

10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.

EXHIBIT

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SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION, COLLECTIVE ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

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This Second Amended Class Action, Collective Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff Vince Burklund (“Plaintiff”) and defendant Garden Grove Unified School District (“Garden Grove” or “Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

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1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant captioned *Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District*, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC initiated on May 17, 2022 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means all non-exempt individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Class” means all non-exempt individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period.
- 1.6. “Class Counsel” means Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie K. Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani of Crosner Legal, P.C.
- 1.7. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel, and approved by the Court, for Class Counsel’s reasonable attorneys’ fees, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.8. “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel, and approved by the Court, for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.9. “Class Data” means Class Member information in Defendant’s possession consisting of Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.10. “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-

Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

- 1.11. "Class Member Address Search" means the Administrator's investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.12. "Class Notice" means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese in the substantially in the same form as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.13. "Class Period" means the period from May 5, 2019 through August 16, 2023.
- 1.14. "Class Representative" means the named Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.
- 1.15. "Class Representative Service Payment" means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.16. "Court" means the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.
- 1.17. "Defendant" means Defendant Garden Grove Unified School District.
- 1.18. "Defense Counsel" means Amber S. Healy and Hailey N. Oberst of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.
- 1.19. "Effective Date" means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement and/or intervenes in the Action, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement and/or intervenes in the Action, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.20. "Final Approval" means the Court's order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.21. "Final Approval Hearing" means the Court's hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22. "Final Judgment" means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.23. "Gross Settlement Amount" means \$780,000 which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual, PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment,

Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administrator's Expenses.

- 1.24. "Individual Class Payment" means the Participating Class Member's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
- 1.25. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.26. "Judgment" means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.27. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.28. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.29. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments; the LWDA PAGA Payment; Class Representative Service Payment; Class Counsel Fees Payment; Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment; and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.30. "Non-Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.31. "PAGA Pay Period" means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.32. "PAGA Period" means the period from May 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023.
- 1.33. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. *et seq.*).
- 1.34. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's March 10, 2022 letter which Plaintiff maintains provided notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.35. "PAGA Penalties" means the the PAGA civil penalties of \$50,000 which are to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$12,500) and the 75% to LWDA (\$37,500) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.36. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.37. "Plaintiff" means Vince Burklund, the named plaintiff in the Action.

- 1.38. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.39. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.40. “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraphs 5.3 – 5.4 below.
- 1.41. “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraphs 5.3 – 5.4 below.
- 1.42. “Released Parties” means: Defendant and its past and present officers, employees, governing boards, agents, representatives, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, successors or assignees.
- 1.43. “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member. Any such exclusion applies only to Class Claims. Requests for Exclusion concerning the claims under PAGA will not be considered.
- 1.44. “Response Deadline” means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may ~~:(a)-~~fax, email, or mail to the Administrator any: (a) Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, ~~or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her~~ Objections to the Settlement, or (c) ~~fax, email, or mail~~ disputes to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.45. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.46. “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day, during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On May 17, 2022, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a representative complaint seeking penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”) for Defendant for failure to pay minimum wages for all hours worked. On August 25, 2023, Plaintiff amended his complaint to include additional class claims and causes of action for: (1) the recovery of unpaid minimum wages and liquidated damages, pursuant to California Labor Code sections 182.12, 1194, 1197, 1197.1 and IWC Wage Order 4-2001, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201 *et seq.*), and (3) unfair competition pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17200 *et seq.* (The amended complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the “Operative Complaint.”).
- 2.2. Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply

with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

- 2.3. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff contends that he gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.4. On May 16, 2023, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Francis J. Ortman, III, Esq. The mediation resulted in a settlement.
- 2.5. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through formal and informal discovery, documents and information. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.6. The Court has not granted class certification or otherwise evaluated the merits of the case or the claims asserted therein.
- 2.7. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant promises to pay \$780,000 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the portion of the Individual Class Payments allocated to wages. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount or any payroll taxes prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. There is no claims process for this Settlement, this is a common fund, non-reversionary settlement such that Class Members and Aggrieved Employees shall not have to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.
- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
 - 3.2.1. To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$~~405~~5,000, in addition to an Individual Class Payment any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement

Amount. Should the Court award an amount less than \$495,000 as the Service Payment that shall not be a material alteration of this Agreement and Plaintiff waives any right to appeal the modification and/or reduction of the Service Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.

3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 33.33%, which is currently estimated to be \$260,000 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$29,000. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Should the Court award an amount less than requested as Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expense Payment neither shall be a material alteration of this Agreement and Plaintiff waives any right to appeal the modification and/or reduction of the Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$28,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$28,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: Each Participating Class Member's respective Individual Class Payment shall be calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of aggregated Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's respective Workweeks.

3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of PAGA claims and shall be entirely allocated to interest and penalties which are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms (the "Non-Wage Portion"). Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on the Non-Wage Portion. The remaining 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment

will be allocated to the settlement of wage claims (the “Wage Portion”). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms.

3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$37,500) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$12,500) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees’ 25% share of PAGA Penalties \$12,500 by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee’s PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Any reduction by the Court of the PAGA Penalties shall not be a material modification and Plaintiff waives the right to appeal any such modifications. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms to the extent required by law.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendant estimated at the time of mediation that there were 3,960 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 521,714 Workweeks, 3,429 Aggrieved Employees who had 70,081 total PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Class Data. Not later than thirty (30) days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members’ privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties

and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall transfer the Gross Settlement Amount plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a QSF established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administrator to be deposited and distributed.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Provided that the Effective Date has passed, no later than 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. Release Language on Settlement Checks. The Settlement Administrator shall include the following release language on the back of each Settlement Check for Participating Class Members:

"This check is your settlement payment in connection with the court-approved class action settlement in *Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School Dist.* (OCSC Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC). By not opting out/excluding yourself from the Settlement, you have released Garden Grove Unified School District and other Releasees of claims under California law as defined in the Settlement Agreement. By signing or cashing this check, you are consenting to join the collective action and affirm your release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act against Releasees."

4.4.3. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class

Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Participating Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered and such undeliverable checks shall not impact the Release. The Administrator shall maintain records showing all remailings conducted and the date(s) of such re-mailings. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Participating Class Member and/or Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, provided the replacement is requested by the Participating Class Member and/or Aggrieved Employee provided that the request is prior to the void date and it is confirmed that the original check was not cashed or otherwise negotiated.

4.4.4. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.5. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

5.1. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.2. Plaintiff's General Release. Plaintiff and his respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences up to and through the date on which this Agreement is executed and subject to the Effective Date occurring, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged by Plaintiff, including but not limited to those based on the facts contained, in the Operative Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint, Plaintiff's PAGA Notice, and all claims released under 5.2.1 below. ("Plaintiff's Release.") Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, or workers' compensation benefits. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

5.2.1. Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542.
For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

5.3. Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Not Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including, any and all claims involving (1) any failure to pay all minimum wages and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201, et. seq.), and (3) violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code sections 2698 et. seq.) from May 5, 2019 through the date the Court signs the preliminary approval order. Participating Class Members' release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. will be deemed released upon the Participating Class Members' negotiation, signature, or deposit of their Individual Class Payment which shall contain the language set forth in Paragraph 4.4.2.

5.4. Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of itself, themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties from May 17, 2021 to the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notice, including without limitation PAGA claims predicated on violations of the Wage Orders, California Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2 1197, and 1197.1

5.5. Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, premium wages in lieu of missed/denied/late meal and periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to timely pay wages during the course of employment and upon separation of employment, failure to provide a safe and healthful place of employment, and failure to issue accurately itemized wage statements during the PAGA Period.

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Aggrieved Employees only release these claims for the duration of the PAGA Period.

5.6.

5.6.1. No Right to Opt-Out or Object to PAGA Release. Because this Settlement, in part, resolves claims and actions brought pursuant to PAGA by Plaintiff acting as a proxy and as a private attorney general of and for the State of California and the LWDA, the Parties agree that no Aggrieved Employee (including Plaintiff) has the right to exclude themselves from the PAGA Release, regardless of whether: (1) the Aggrieved Employee opts-out of the Class Release; (2) the Aggrieved Employee cashes or otherwise receives any payment from this Settlement. Upon the Effective Date, this Settlement will preclude Aggrieved Employees from pursuing any of the Released Claims against the Released Parties. The Parties also agree that no Aggrieved Employee (including Plaintiff) has the right to object to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval").

6.1. Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; (v) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); (vi) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel Declaration shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2. Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

- 6.3. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Class Settlement Administrators ("Phoenix") to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4. Notice to Class Members.
- 7.4.1. No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received.
- 7.4.2. Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 7.4.3. Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained.

The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time. The Administrator shall maintain records showing returned items, date(s) of re-mailing, and proof of address searches completed for those that are returned.

7.4.4. The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

7.4.5. If the Administrator, Defendant or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

7.5. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7.5.1. Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline and must be directed to the Administrator.

7.5.2. The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.5.3. Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement,

including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4. Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.4 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.6. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Settlement Administrator may make the initial decision regarding claim disputes, but the court may review any decision made by the Settlement Administrator regarding a claim dispute. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges. The parties shall file with the court all disputes submitted by Class members, the evidence of submissions, and the resolution of the dispute.

7.7. Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1. Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.7.2. Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. Participating Class Members may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at their own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3. Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.8. Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1. Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

7.8.2. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

7.8.3. Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

7.8.4. Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Settlement Administrator may make the initial decision regarding claim

disputes, but the court may review any decision made by the Settlement Administrator regarding a claim dispute. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges. The parties shall file with the court all disputes submitted by Class members, the evidence of submissions, and the resolution of the dispute.

7.8.5. Administrator's Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.

7.8.6. Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES.** Based on its records, Defendant's estimated that, as of the date of mediation there were: (1) 3,960 Class Members and 521,714 Total Workweeks and (2) there were 3,429 Aggrieved Employees who worked 70,081 Pay Periods.

9. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.

10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment

(collectively “Motion for Final Approval”). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

- 10.1. Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
- 10.2. Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members or Aggrieved Employees), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court’s concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court’s decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph and Class Counsel and Plaintiff waive the right to appeal such modifications.
- 10.3. Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 10.4. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties’ obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 10.5. Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members or Aggrieved Employees), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court’s concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court’s award of the

Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

12.1. No Admission of Liability, Class Certification, Collective or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification, collective and/or representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class or collective group for any reason, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action (including those relate to class, collective and representative action treatment), and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

12.2. Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

12.3. No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel

and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

- 12.4. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 12.5. Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.6. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 12.7. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.8. No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.9. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 12.10. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties and successors of the Participating Class Members and Aggrieved Employees.
- 12.11. Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

- 12.12. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 12.13. Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not communicate with the press about the fact, amount, or terms of the Settlement. In addition, the Parties and their counsel agree that they will not engage in any advertising or distribute any marketing materials relating to the Settlement, including but not limited to any postings on any websites maintained by Plaintiff's Counsel. Any communication to Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees about the Settlement prior to Court approval of the Settlement will be limited to a statement that a settlement has been reached and the details will be communicated in a written letter to the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. However, nothing shall prevent the Parties from informing counsel purporting to represent Class Members or Aggrieved Employees that the lawsuit has been resolved subject to the approval by the Court. Nothing herein restricts Class Counsels' required disclosures and/or submissions of information and/or documents to the LWDA in conformity with the statutory requirements of PAGA and/or at the specific direction of the Court.
- 12.14. Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 12.15. Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 12.16. Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 12.17. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by e-mail or messenger, addressed as follows:

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12.18. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

12.19. Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES, AND TO RECEIVE THE CONSIDERATION SET FORTH ABOVE, PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANT, FREELY AND KNOWINGLY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTER INTO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Settlement Agreement as of the date set forth below:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Date: _____, 2024

Plaintiff Vince Burklund
Individually and Aggrieved Employees and Class
Members

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: _____, 2024 _____
Jason Bevacqua
Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
CROSNER LEGAL, P.C.

Date: _____, 2024 _____
Zachary Crosner
Jamie Serb
Sepideh Ardestani
Counsel for Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
Employees

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUUD & ROMO, APC

Date: _____, 2024 _____
Scott K. Dauscher, Esq.
Attorneys for Defendant Garden Grove
Unified School District

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

(Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District,

OCSC Case Nos. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC and 30-2022-01258164-CU-OE-CXC)

***The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.***

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action and representative lawsuit ("Action") against Garden Grove Unified School District (abbreviated name; "Defendant" is used herein as a placeholder) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former Garden Grove employee Vince Burklund ("Plaintiff") and seeks payment of minimum wages for a class of non-exempt employees ("Class Members") who worked for Defendant during the Class Period (May 17, 2019 through August 16, 2023); and (2) penalties under the Private Attorney's General Act ("PAGA") for all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period (May 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023) ("Aggrieved Employees").

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Based on Defendant's records, and the Parties' current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_____ and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant's records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn't work during the PAGA Period.) The numbers above are estimates only and are subject to adjustment by the Court which could increase or decrease the amounts listed.

The above estimates are based on Defendant's records showing that **you worked _____ workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked _____ Pay Periods (not workweeks)** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two options

under the Settlement:

Do Nothing. You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims against Defendant.

Opt-Out of the Class Settlement. You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment. In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

You Can Participate in the Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former Garden Grove employee. The Action alleges that Defendant violated the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and California Labor Code. The lawsuit asserts claims for unpaid wages, unpaid minimum wages, overtime, off the clock wages, liquidated damages, penalties and interest. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) ("PAGA"). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani ("Class Counsel.")

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not made any determination regarding whether the claims in the lawsuit have any merit.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator and mediated the matter in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

Defendant Will Pay \$780,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall transfer Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$780,000) plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administer to be deposited and distributed.

Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

Up to \$260,000 (33.33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$29,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

Up to \$10,000 as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

Up to \$28,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

Up to \$50,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks. The estimated Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to Participating Class Members is \$_____. Of the Net Settlement Amount 20% will be distributed to Class Members as wages, 80% as penalties and interest.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve

an allocation of 80% of each Individual Class Payment to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion”). The Non-Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payment is counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Non-Wage Portion on IRS 1099 Forms and will not deduct applicable taxes. The remaining 20% of each Individual Class Payment shall be allocated to wages (“Wage Portion”) for tax purposes. The Administrator shall provide IRS W-2 Forms for the Wage Portions and will deduct applicable taxes.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Aggrieved Employees. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 100% of each Individual PAGA Payment to penalties and interest. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payment on IRS 1099 Form and will not debit applicable taxes.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If your Individual Class or PAGA Payment remains uncashed and is deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

If you do not cash your Individual PAGA Payment, you are still bound by the PAGA release.

Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify fill out and submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion to the Administrator by mail, fax, or email, not later than ____, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the ____ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue claims covered by the Action and Settlement against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court

will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. Class Members may submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion by mail, fax or email. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opt out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for the claims covered by the Action and this Settlement.

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are not Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Not Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including, any and all claims involving (1) any failure to pay all minimum wages and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201, et. seq.), and (3) violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code sections 2698 et. seq.) from May 5, 2019 through the date the Court signs the preliminary approval order. Participating Class Members’ release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.* will be deemed released upon the Participating Class Members’ negotiation, signature, or deposit of their Individual Class Payment

After the judgement is final, the Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of itself, themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties from May 17, 2021 to the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement that were alleged, or

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reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notice, including without limitation PAGA claims predicated on violations of the Wage Orders, California Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2 1197, and 1197.1

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

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Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, premium wages in lieu of missed/denied/late meal and periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to timely pay wages during the course of employment and upon separation of employment, failure to provide a safe and healthful place of employment, and failure to issue accurately itemized wage statements during the PAGA Period. Aggrieved Employees only release these claims for the duration of the PAGA Period.

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4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY SETTLEMENT PAYMENT?

Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$12,500 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.

Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until _____ to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, e-mail or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing

contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendant's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by ____, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

Participating Class Members may fill out the enclosed Objection Form or send a written objection to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. ~~Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail.~~ Participating Class Members may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at their own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's

mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

At least 16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website (url) _____ or the Court's website (url) _____.

The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is _____. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on _____ at (time) in Department CX104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comments from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website _____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will post all key documents on its website (_____ url _____), including the operative complaint, the PAGA notice letters to the

LWDA, the settlement agreement and any amendments, the notice packet, the orders granting preliminary and final approval, and the judgment. The judgment will be posted for at least 180 days. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below or consult the Superior Court website by going to <https://ocapps.occourts.org/civilwebShoppingNS/Search.do> and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Orange County Superior Court by calling (657) 622-6878.

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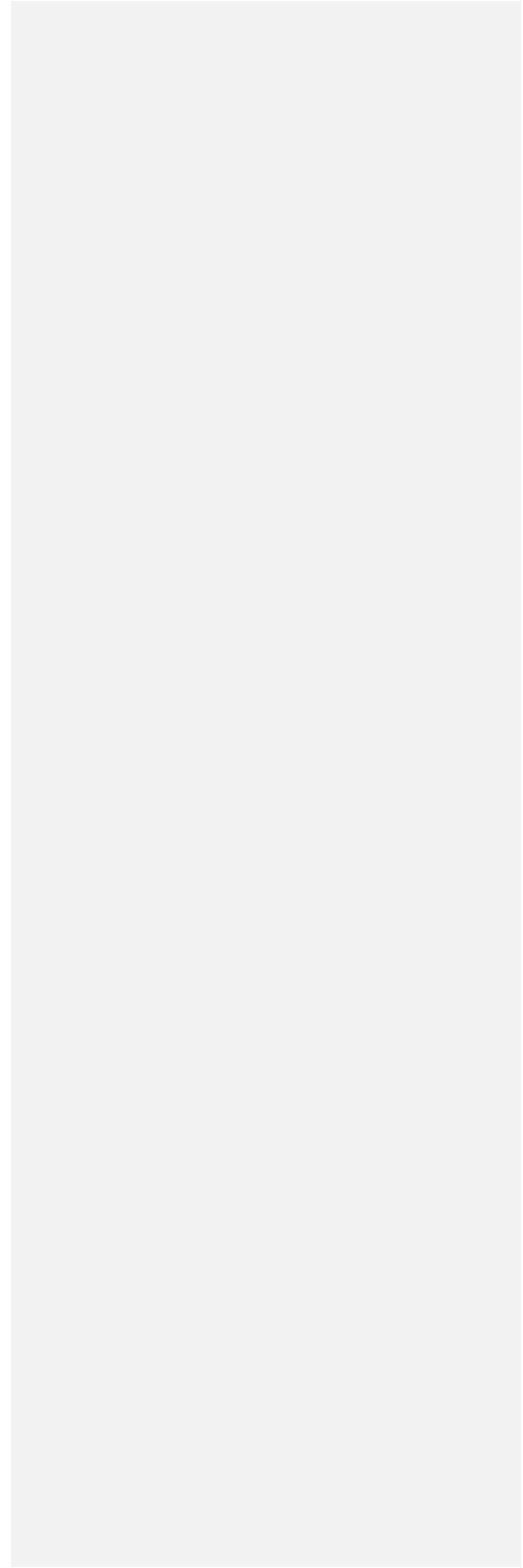
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EXHIBIT

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**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

(Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District,

OCSC Case Nos. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC and 30-2022-01258164-CU-OE-CXC)

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You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action and representative lawsuit (“Action”) against Garden Grove Unified School District (abbreviated name; “Defendant” is used herein as a placeholder) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former Garden Grove employee Vince Burklund (“Plaintiff”) and seeks payment of minimum wages for a class of non-exempt employees (“Class Members”) who worked for Defendant during the Class Period (May 17, 2019 through August 16, 2023); and (2) penalties under the Private Attorney’s General Act (“PAGA”) for all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period (May 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023) (“Aggrieved Employees”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Defendant’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_____ and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.) The numbers above are estimates only and are subject to adjustment by the Court which could increase or decrease the amounts listed.

The above estimates are based on Defendant’s records showing that **you worked _____ workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked _____ Pay Periods (not workweeks)** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two options

under the Settlement:

Do Nothing. You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims against Defendant.

Opt-Out of the Class Settlement. You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

**Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take
with respect to the proposed Settlement.**

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment. In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

You Can Participate in the Final Approval Hearing	The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don’t have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant’s records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former Garden Grove employee. The Action alleges that Defendant violated the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and California Labor Code. The lawsuit asserts claims for unpaid wages, unpaid minimum wages, overtime, off the clock wages, liquidated damages, penalties and interest. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) (“PAGA”). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani (“Class Counsel.”)

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not made any determination regarding whether the claims in the lawsuit have any merit.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator and mediated the matter in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

Defendant Will Pay \$780,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall transfer Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$780,000) plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administer to be deposited and distributed.

Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

Up to \$260,000 (33.33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$29,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

Up to \$10,000 as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

Up to \$28,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

Up to \$50,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks. The estimated Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to Participating Class Members is \$_____. Of the Net Settlement Amount 20% will be distributed to Class Members as wages, 80% as penalties and interest.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve

an allocation of 80% of each Individual Class Payment to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion”). The Non-Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payment is counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Non-Wage Portion on IRS 1099 Forms and will not deduct applicable taxes. The remaining 20% of each Individual Class Payment shall be allocated to wages (“Wage Portion”) for tax purposes. The Administrator shall provide IRS W-2 Forms for the Wage Portions and will deduct applicable taxes.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Aggrieved Employees. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 100% of each Individual PAGA Payment to penalties and interest. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payment on IRS 1099 Form and will not debit applicable taxes.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If your Individual Class or PAGA Payment remains uncashed and is deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

If you do not cash your Individual PAGA Payment, you are still bound by the PAGA release.

Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify fill out and submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion to the Administrator by mail, fax, or email, not later than _____, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the _____ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue claims covered by the Action and Settlement against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court

will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. Class Members may submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion by mail, fax or email. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opt out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for the claims covered by the Action and this Settlement.

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are not Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Not Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including, any and all claims involving (1) any failure to pay all minimum wages and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201, et. seq.), and (3) violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code sections 2698 et. seq.) from May 5, 2019 through the date the Court signs the preliminary approval order. Participating Class Members’ release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.* will be deemed released upon the Participating Class Members’ negotiation, signature, or deposit of their Individual Class Payment

After the judgement is final, the Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of itself, themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties from May 17, 2021 to the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement that were alleged, or

reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notice, including without limitation PAGA claims predicated on violations of the Wage Orders, California Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2 1197, and 1197.1

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, premium wages in lieu of missed/denied/late meal and periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to timely pay wages during the course of employment and upon separation of employment, failure to provide a safe and healthful place of employment, and failure to issue accurately itemized wage statements during the PAGA Period. Aggrieved Employees only release these claims for the duration of the PAGA Period.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY SETTLEMENT PAYMENT?

Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$12,500 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.

Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until _____ to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, e-mail or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the

documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendant's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by ____, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

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Action, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Orange County Superior Court by calling (657) 622-6878.

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SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

(Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District,

OCSC Case Nos. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC and 30-2022-01258164-CU-OE-CXC)

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You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action and representative lawsuit ("Action") against Garden Grove Unified School District (abbreviated name; "Defendant" is used herein as a placeholder) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former Garden Grove employee Vince Burklund ("Plaintiff") and seeks payment of minimum wages for a class of non-exempt employees ("Class Members") who worked for Defendant during the Class Period (May 17, 2019 through August 16, 2023); and (2) penalties under the Private Attorney's General Act ("PAGA") for all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period (May 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023) ("Aggrieved Employees").

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Based on Defendant's records, and the Parties' current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_____ and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant's records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn't work during the PAGA Period.) The numbers above are estimates only and are subject to adjustment by the Court which could increase or decrease the amounts listed.

The above estimates are based on Defendant's records showing that **you worked _____ workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked _____ Pay Periods (not workweeks)** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two options

under the Settlement:

Do Nothing. You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims against Defendant.

Opt-Out of the Class Settlement. You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment. In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

You Can Participate in the Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former Garden Grove employee. The Action alleges that Defendant violated the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and California Labor Code. The lawsuit asserts claims for unpaid wages, unpaid minimum wages, overtime, off the clock wages, liquidated damages, penalties and interest. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) ("PAGA"). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani ("Class Counsel.")

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not made any determination regarding whether the claims in the lawsuit have any merit.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator and mediated the matter in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

Defendant Will Pay \$780,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall transfer Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$780,000) plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administer to be deposited and distributed.

Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

Up to \$260,000 (33.33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$29,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

Up to \$10,000 as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

Up to \$28,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

Up to \$50,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks. The estimated Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to Participating Class Members is \$_____. Of the Net Settlement Amount 20% will be distributed to Class Members as wages, 80% as penalties and interest.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve

an allocation of 80% of each Individual Class Payment to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion”). The Non-Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payment is counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Non-Wage Portion on IRS 1099 Forms and will not deduct applicable taxes. The remaining 20% of each Individual Class Payment shall be allocated to wages (“Wage Portion”) for tax purposes. The Administrator shall provide IRS W-2 Forms for the Wage Portions and will deduct applicable taxes.

Taxes Owed on Payments to Aggrieved Employees. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 100% of each Individual PAGA Payment to penalties and interest. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payment on IRS 1099 Form and will not debit applicable taxes.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If your Individual Class or PAGA Payment remains uncashed and is deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

If you do not cash your Individual PAGA Payment, you are still bound by the PAGA release.

Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify fill out and submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion to the Administrator by mail, fax, or email, not later than ____, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the ____ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue claims covered by the Action and Settlement against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court

will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. Class Members may submit the enclosed Request for Exclusion by mail, fax or email. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opt out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for the claims covered by the Action and this Settlement.

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are not Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Not Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including, any and all claims involving (1) any failure to pay all minimum wages and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, (2) violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. sections 201, et. seq.), and (3) violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code sections 2698 et. seq.) from May 5, 2019 through the date the Court signs the preliminary approval order. Participating Class Members’ release of claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.* will be deemed released upon the Participating Class Members’ negotiation, signature, or deposit of their Individual Class Payment

After the judgement is final, the Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of itself, themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties from May 17, 2021 to the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement that were alleged, or

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reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notice, including without limitation PAGA claims predicated on violations of the Wage Orders, California Labor Code sections 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2 1197, and 1197.1

After the judgement is final, the Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will be bound by the following release:

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Release by Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees After Judgment is Final: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, premium wages in lieu of missed/denied/late meal and periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to timely pay wages during the course of employment and upon separation of employment, failure to provide a safe and healthful place of employment, and failure to issue accurately itemized wage statements during the PAGA Period. Aggrieved Employees only release these claims for the duration of the PAGA Period.

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4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY SETTLEMENT PAYMENT?

Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$12,500 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.

Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until _____ to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, e-mail or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing

contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendant's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by ____, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

Participating Class Members may fill out the enclosed Objection Form or send a written objection to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. ~~Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail.~~ Participating Class Members may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at their own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's

mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

At least 16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website (url) _____ or the Court's website (url) _____.

The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is _____. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on _____ at (time) in Department CX104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comments from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website _____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will post all key documents on its website (_____ url _____), including the operative complaint, the PAGA notice letters to the

LWDA, the settlement agreement and any amendments, the notice packet, the orders granting preliminary and final approval, and the judgment. The judgment will be posted for at least 180 days. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below or consult the Superior Court website by going to <https://ocapps.occourts.org/civilwebShoppingNS/Search.do> and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Orange County Superior Court by calling (657) 622-6878.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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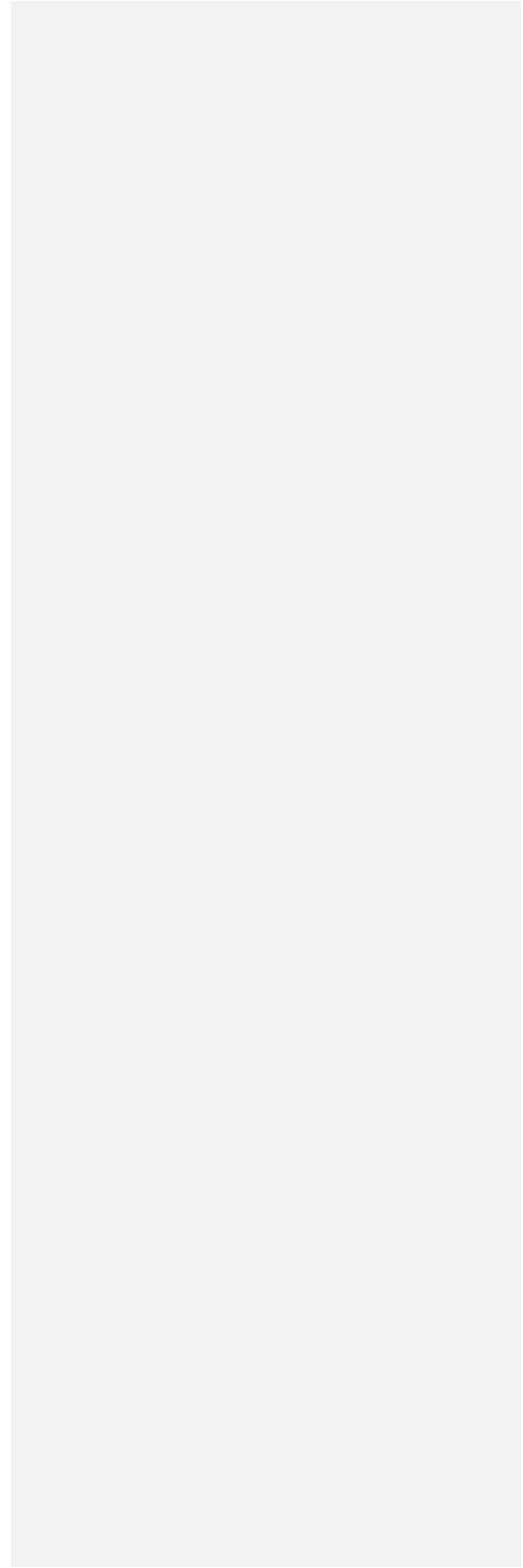
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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.



EXHIBIT

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OBJECTION FORM

Vince Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District,

OCSC Case Nos. 30-2022-01260573-CU-OE-CXC and 30-2022-01258164-CU-OE-CXC)

USE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WANT TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT. TO OBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT, YOU MUST SIGN AND COMPLETE THIS FORM ACCURATELY AND, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND YOU MUST FAX, EMAIL, OR MAIL IT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR (_____) AT THE ADDRESS BELOW. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR OBJECTION IS **[60 DAYS AFTER MAILING + 14 DAYS IF NOTICE WAS RE-MAILED]**.

The Court will consider your objection at the Final Approval Hearing. You may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at your own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing.

☐ I OBJECT to the *Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District* Settlement for the following reasons:

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(Your Signature)

(Date)

(Print Your Name)

**FAX, E-MAIL, OR MAIL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, NOT LATER THAN [60 DAYS
AFTER MAILING + 14 DAYS IF NOTICE WAS RE-MAILED].**

Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District
Phoenix Settlement Administrators
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60 DAYS AFTER MAILING, + 14 DAYS IF NOTICE WAS RE-MAILED.

The Court will consider your objection at the Final Approval Hearing. You may also appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court at your own expense) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing, if you submit a timely and valid written statement of objection.

[] I OBJECT to the *Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District* Settlement for the following reasons:

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(Your Signature)

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Submit your fully completed and signed Objection Form as follows:

MAIL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, BY U.S. MAIL, POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN
_____, 2024:

Burklund v. Garden Grove Unified School District Administrator
[INSERT ADDRESS]

FAX, E-MAIL, OR MAIL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, NOT LATER THAN [60 DAYS
AFTER MAILING + 14 DAYS IF NOTICE WAS RE-MAILED].

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