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**STATEMENT OF DR. SCOTT A. MENZEL, SUPERINTENDENT  
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Today, the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) began the process of hiring an independent forensic investigator to determine if any school resources were used to compile, access or modify the private dossier allegedly created and maintained in Google drive folders by Mark Greenburg, the father of SUSD Board President Jann-Michael Greenburg, and shared by the latter. We want to determine if school resources were used inappropriately. We take our responsibility as good stewards of public funds very seriously.

It is important to emphasize the District did not create, maintain or have control over the dossier. The information it contains appears to be largely from public documents, and parents are rightly upset that certain data, photography and video has been collected and shared. During school hours, our campuses are controlled, and all visitors and volunteers must check in with the front office staff and have a purpose for being on campus. In addition, SUSD staff, as is their regular practice, would report any suspicious behavior, such as taking photographs of parents, staff or students, on or adjacent to school property, to the appropriate security or law enforcement agency.

We condemn all actions that detract from our goal of educating our students. We recognize that a vibrant and thriving community requires a strong public education system. By initiating an investigation, we can move forward with our mission of educating our students with the highest level of integrity and transparency. We will not let this matter deter us from that focus – and anything that detracts from that is something that the District cannot support.

I want to stress, again, that no Governing Board member has unfettered access to student records. Such records are protected by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA. Personal student information and educational records are private and protected in district-maintained, secure information systems to which neither Board members nor the public have access. Any student information the Board may receive is in relation to discipline cases under its consideration, is limited in scope and provided by the district's legal counsel.

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