CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT San Juan Capistrano, California

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING STATEMENT

There is a provision of the Penal Code which requires a child care custodian to report any suspected instance of child abuse by telephone and prepare and send a written report within 36 hours of receiving information. A further amendment to that section requires any person employed in this capacity sign a statement acknowledging the provisions of the Penal Code Section.

"Mandated Reports" are those individuals listed in Penal Code section 11165.7, including teachers, instructional aides, classified employees, coaches, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, administrators of public or private day camp, administrators and employees of child day care facilities licensed to care for children, peace officers, healthcare practitioners, employees or administrators of public or private post-secondary institutions whose duties bring them into contact with children on a regular basis, the supervisors of those employees, and any athletic coach at a public or private post-secondary institution.

I, _____, hereby acknowledge I understand the following:

- 1. I am considered a mandated reporter of suspected child abuse.
- 2. Penal Code section 11166 requires any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone, and to prepare and send, fax or e-mail a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.
- 3. Penal Code section 11167 generally provides that the identity of a reporter of suspected child abuse, and the written child abuse report that is prepared by the reporter, is confidential and shall be disclosed only among agencies involved in the investigation or by court order.

As an employee of Capistrano Unified School District, I certify I have read and understand this statement and the above cited Penal Code sections, and will comply with my obligations under the child abuse reporting law.

Print Name of Employee

Signature of Employee

Date

Position and Work Location

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