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The parties conducted the Rule 26(f) conference on December 14, 2023. The parties now submit their proposed discovery plan and scheduling order in compliance with LR 26-1(b).

- 1) **Discovery Cut-Off Date**. The Defendants answered or otherwise appeared on November 17, 2023. The proposed discovery cut-off date is November 15, 2024.
- 2) **Amended Pleadings and Adding Parties:** Amending the Pleadings and Adding Parties. The deadline to amend the pleadings and add parties is August 16, 2024 [insert date 90 days before the discovery cut-off date].
- 3) **Expert and Rebuttal-Expert Disclosures.** The deadline to disclose experts September 16, 2024 [insert date 60 days before the discovery cut-off date]. The deadline to disclose rebuttal experts is October 16, 2024 [insert date 30 days before the discovery cut-off date].
- 4) **Dispositive Motions**. The deadline to file dispositive motions is December 16, 2024 [insert date 30 days after the discovery cut-off date].
- 5) **Pretrial Order**. The deadline to file a pretrial order is January 15, 2024 [insert date 30 days after the dispositive-motion deadline].
- 6) Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3). The disclosures required by this rule and any objections to them must be included in the joint pretrial order. [Unless the parties stipulate otherwise in this proposed discovery plan and scheduling order and the court so orders.]
- 7) **Alternative Dispute Resolution**. The parties certify that they met and conferred about the possibility of using alternative dispute-resolution processes including mediation, arbitration, and if applicable, early neutral evaluation.
- 8) Alternative Forms of Case Disposition. The parties certify that they considered consent to trial by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and the use of the Short Trial Program (General Order 2013-01).
- 9) Electronic Evidence. The parties certify that they discussed whether to present evidence in electronic format to jurors for the purpose of jury deliberations. [Applies only in cases in which a jury trial has been demanded. If applicable, state any stipulations the parties

reached regarding providing discovery in an electronic format compatible with the court's electronic jury evidence display system.]

10) Reason for Request for Extended Discovery Deadlines.

The standard discovery deadlines are insufficient due the extensive discovery that needs to be competed in this matter and due to the specific individuals and entities that will likely need to respond to Plaintiff's discovery requests. Specifically, Plaintiff intends to conduct the following discovery requests:

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No.	Discovery Item	Notes on Discovery Item
1	FRCP 30(b)(6) Deposition of Clark County	This deposition will also require a meet
	School District.	and confer between the parties prior to
		the deposition pursuant to FRCP
		30(b)(6). Further, it is anticipated that
		Defendant will need substantial time to
		access and select the proper deponents
		based on Plaintiff's examination items.
2	Written Discovery to Clark County School	It is anticipated that Defendant will
	District.	need more than the standard 30 days to
		secure the correct answers and
		documents to discovery due to the
		complex nature of the Clark County
		School District.
3	Deposition of Clieda Llanes	N/A
4	Written Discovery to Cleida Llanes	N/A
5	Deposition of Christine Vasques	Upon information and belief of
		Plaintiff, this Defendant is still an

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2			active principle at Blue Diamond ES. It
3			is anticipated by the parties that
4			discovery responses, and subsequently,
5			the deposition may be delayed due the
6 7			job duties of this Defendant.
8	6	Written Discovery of Christine Vasques	Upon information and belief of
9			Plaintiff, this Defendant is still an
10			active principle at Blue Diamond ES. It
11			is anticipated by the parties that
12			discovery responses, and subsequently,
13			the deposition may be delayed due the
14			job duties of this defendant.
15	7	Deposition of Officer B. Chaplin	Both parties will need to accommodate
16			the individual schedules of this
17			defendant. However, no issues are
18			anticipated at this time regarding this
19			deposition.
20	8	Written Discovery to Officer B. Chaplin	Both parties will need to accommodate
21			the individual schedules of this
22			defendant. However, no issues are
23			anticipated at this time regarding this
24			deposition.
25 26	9	Deposition of Officer I. Campos	Both parties will need to accommodate
27			the individual schedules of this
28			defendant. However, no issues are

		anticipated at this time regarding this
		deposition.
10	Written Discovery to Officer I. Campos	Both parties will need to accommodate
		the individual schedules of this
		defendant. However, no issues are
		anticipated at this time regarding this
		deposition.
11	Disclosures of Initial Experts	Under standard discovery deadlines,
		initial experts would be due on
		approximately March 15, 2024. The
		determination on experts must be made
		based on the discovery received in at
		least some of the depositions taken
		above. Completely such a task in 3
		months would simply not be
		achievable. However, the proposed
		deadline of August 16, 2024 is a target
		that can be accomplished if all the
		parties act diligently in discovery.
12	Deposition of any disclosed Experts	N/A

In addition, it is expected that Defendant will seek to take the deposition of Plaintiff as well as submit written discovery. That being said, it is also anticipated that Defendant plans on filling early Motions to Dismiss. This Motion will likely aim to have multiple parties and claims dismissed. Such motions will likely also be highly controlling what discovery topics are relevant. An extended time frame in discovery will allow for these motions to be handled and not require

the parties to request another discovery extension assuming that the motions are handled in a timely fashion.

In summary, many of the party Defendants are governmental entities and the party Defendants that are being sued in their individual capacity work for governmental agencies. Due the multiple Defendants in this case, it is expected that both written discovery and depositions will require more than three months to complete¹. It is also important for Plaintiff to complete a significant portion of this discovery to help Plaintiff determine if an expert will be needed (and which one) to attempt to prove Plaintiff's claims; the same can be said for Defendants' defenses. Lastly, the parties anticipate a large round of dispositive motions to be filed by Defendants. The determination of these motions will tailor the discovery needs of the parties moving forward. An extended discovery schedule would accommodate these motions as well. As such, the above request is made for a special discovery order.

¹ Even if these discovery tasks were completed by March 15, 2024, that would provide no time for a determination to be made for experts as usually this process begins no later than 60 days prior to the deadline due to the report requirement for experts.

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