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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO DIVISION**

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17 A.V., a minor, by parent and Guardian ad  
Litem CONCEPCION VARELA,

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Plaintiff,

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vs.

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21 PANAMA-BUENA VISTA UNION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT, DOES 1-20,

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Defendants.

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On or about September 21, 2016, the Parties to this matter filed the expedited and non-expedited administrative record from California Office of Administrative Hearings (“OAH”) Special Education Case No. 2014100290 (“Administrative Record”). The Parties jointly and concurrently requested that

CASE NO. 1:15-cv-00246-MCE-JLT

**ORDER RE: THE PARTIES’ REQUEST  
TO SEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

Hon. Morrison C. England, Jr.

Trial Date: None Set

1 the Court to permit the full Administrative Record to be filed under seal. Having considering the  
2 Parties' request and declaration, the Court finds the following:

- 3 1. The Administrative Record is more than "tangentially related" to the merits of the  
4 instant case. Therefore, the parties must have a "compelling reason" that the  
5 Administrative Record may be filed under seal to overcome the public's interest in  
6 public court records. Ctr. For Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d, 1092,  
7 1101.
- 8 2. Compelling reasons exist to seal full administrative record. Defendant A.V., a minor  
9 and special education student, has a compelling privacy interest in his personally  
10 identifiable information and student records, which are protected from disclosure by  
11 Individuals with Disabilities with Education Act ("IDEA"), the Family Educational  
12 Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), and California law. See, 34 C.F.R., §§ 99.3,  
13 99.31; 300.610, et seq.; Cal. Ed. Code, §§ 49076, 56515.
- 14 3. As compelling reasons exist, the Court must fashion an order balancing the compelling  
15 interests of the public to judicial records and those of student A.V..
- 16 4. The Court finds that the redaction of confidential information is insufficient to prevent  
17 the significant risk that Defendant A.V.'s identity and confidential information may be  
18 disclosed, due to the volume of the Administrative Record. Accordingly, the Court  
19 orders that the full Administrative Record be filed under seal.
- 20 5. Accordingly, the Parties motion to seal is GRANTED, and the full Administrative  
21 Record shall be filed under seal.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: September 23, 2016

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27 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.  
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE