IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STUDENT H, by and through his guardian ad litem, Mother H, and MOTHER H, on her own behalf,

No C 06-2031 VRW

ORDER

Plaintiffs,

v

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, et al,

Defendants.

On March 19, 2009, the parties filed a stipulated motion to remove certain documents from public viewing. Specifically, the parties request that Doc #187, the parties' petition for approval of the minor's compromise, and Doc #188, the parties' proposed order granting the petition for approval, be removed from the public record and filed under seal.

As a general rule, documents filed with the court must be open to public inspection, and courts have a "strong presumption in

favor of access." <u>Kamakana v City and County of Honolulu</u>, 447 F3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir 2006)(internal citations omitted). Here, the parties have not shown that the documents are subject to protection against disclosure, and the court has no reason to deviate from the presumption in favor of access. Accordingly, the parties' motion to remove Docs ##187-188 from public viewing is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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VAUGHN R WALKER United States District Chief Judge