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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Karen Janney, Ed.D., Superintendent

FROM: ^{SCM} Sandra C. Huezo, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

DATE: April 29, 2016

SUBJECT: ROUNDUP PRO HERBICIDE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Superintendent and to the Board of Trustees, per their request, on the use of the Roundup PRO Herbicide in District facilities by the ground keeping staff. District records confirm that Roundup, which contains as a main ingredient glyphosate, is being used throughout the District's campuses by the facilities ground keepers.

The primary use of the Roundup Chemical is for weed control. The pesticide is part of the District's Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM), which provides safety usage of pesticides throughout our District. The chemical is part of the Sweetwater Union High School District's approved Horticultural pesticide list; furthermore, glyphosate is not part of the List of pesticides Prohibited from Use in School and Child Care Facilities pursuant to Education Code section 17610.1 and AB 405, Chapter 566, Statutes of 2005.

Additionally, The U.S. EPA has set a drinking water Health Advisory (HA) for glyphosate. The lifetime HA for an adult is 800 ppb for effects other than cancer risk. Glyphosate is listed in EPA's group E for cancer risk, which means there is not enough evidence and not enough data to demonstrate that it is a cancer risk (1988). The active ingredient in Roundup Pro, Glyphosate, is the most used herbicide in the nation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers glyphosate to have low toxicity at the recommended doses. The compound is classified by the EPA as a Group E chemical which means there is strong evidence that it does not cause cancer in humans.

District staff receives annual training on the appropriate use of chemicals, including Roundup. There are also several reports that need to be completed and are required to be on file with the District's Environmental Health & Safety Department. These include Safety Data Sheets and Annual Pesticide Use Notification forms. The Summary Pesticide Use Reports is a monthly report completed by the Maintenance Department and

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is submitted to the California Department of Pesticide Regulations at the end of every calendar year. When the product is used, staff is required to post warning signs that the area has been treated with pesticides. The signs are to be posted before and after the area is treated with a pesticide to inform and to protect the students, staff, and public.

If you have any questions regarding this personnel matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 619-585-6010.

cc: Jennifer Carbuccia, General Counsel