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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 19, 2022

RE: Board Trustee Gabriela Ornelas' Name and Likeness Used to Make a Post/Comment on a YouTube Video

Dear SPUSD Community,

On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, the District was informed that Board Trustee Gabriela Ornelas' name and likeness was used to make a post/comment on a YouTube video. Unfortunately, negative messages have been falsely attributed to her in comments related to the passing of a young man.

The District and Trustee Ornelas extend our deepest condolences to the family and regret the offense that these falsely attributed comments may have caused.

The District wishes to remind parents, students and community about the importance of personal online security precautions. Reports to law enforcement and social media carriers have been made to remove the posts.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Weinstein, Superintendent