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Currently, the kitchen area is also in need of renovation to provide an operational space for volunteers to prepare meals for children in need. The Center is staffed by approximately 250 volunteers some of whom prepare meals for children daily. These volunteers are currently working in a kitchen that is infeasible for the volume of food they are producing and is nearing the end of its operational life. Community project funding would ensure the timely renovation of this critical facility to ensure that Orange County residents are being provided with the essential services they need.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (916) 651-4034 or Senator.Umberg@senate.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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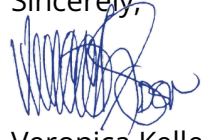
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The OC Health Care Agency works with the Orangewood Children and Family Center to make sure children at the shelter receive trauma-informed care for their mental health and substance use needs. The proposed renovations will strengthen the environment in ways that directly support the well-being of the youth served.

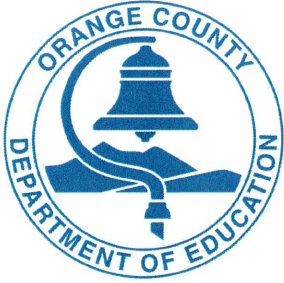
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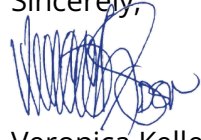
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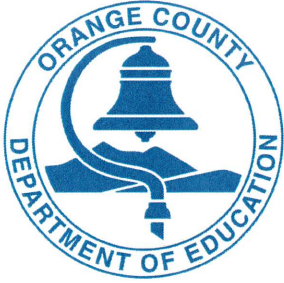
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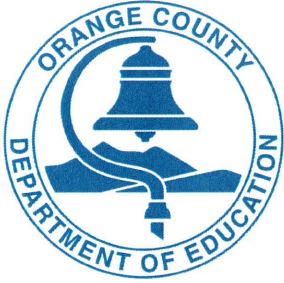
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If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (916) 651-4034 or Senator.Umberg@senate.ca.gov.

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