SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-04

Special Order for Access to Juvenile Records by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ("CJCC") is authorized to define and analyze issues in the criminal and juvenile justice systems; is authorized to receive information from, and give assistance to, other District of Columbia agencies concerned with, or affect by, issues of public safety and the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, members of the CJCC (collectively referred to as the "CJCC Principals") convene monthly meetings which are limited to CJCC members, the leaders of District agencies, and their designees, whose missions intersect with the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC Principals have requested that a representative from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (ODME) present information during the April 21, 2021 CJCC Principals' meeting regarding the educational experiences of juveniles arrested for carjacking offenses and gun-related offenses from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §16-2331 (2012 Repl.), juvenile case records are confidential, but may be provided to "persons having a professional interest in the protection, welfare, treatment, and rehabilitation of the respondent or a member of the respondent's family, or in the work of the Superior Court, if authorized by rule or special order of the court." D.C. Code §16-2331 (c)(5); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §16-2333 (2012 Repl.), law enforcement records and files concerning a child are confidential, but access may be provided to persons listed in the statute, and, by court order, to "[a]ny other person, agency, or institution … having a professional interest in the child or in the work of the law enforcement department." D.C. Code §16-2333 (b)(5); and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (ODME) has a professional interest in the child and the work of the Family Court, given its responsibility for overseeing the District of Columbia's education strategy; managing interagency and cross-sector coordination; providing oversight and/or support for the District's education-related agencies; and overseeing the Every Day Counts! Taskforce on truancy and chronic absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, the ODME seeks identifiable information on juveniles who were arrested for carjacking offenses and gun-related offenses from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for the purpose of preparing a presentation on the educational experiences of these juveniles;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that the CJCC may provide ODME with identifiable information on juveniles arrested for carjacking offenses and gun-related offenses from January 1, 2020 through

March 31, 2021, including name, date of birth, address, offense date, arrest date, and charge description; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the ODME may present aggregate educational information on juveniles arrested for carjacking offenses and gun-related offenses from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020, during the April 21, 2021, CJCC Principals' meeting, to include, schools where the juveniles were enrolled at the time of the offense, number of excused and unexcused absences during school years 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 (to date), and number of suspensions or expulsions during school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 (to date); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, ODME shall only use the juvenile carjacking and gun-related arrest data for the purposes of preparing and delivering the presentation during the April 21, 2021 CJCC Principals' meeting; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, ODME shall not disclose the juvenile carjacking arrest data to any other person or for any other purpose without prior approval of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect on the 9th of April 2021.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT DATE: April 9, 2021

Anita Josey-Herring Chief Judge