

OXNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1051 South "A" Street ● Oxnard, California 93030 ● 805/385-1501

Sean Goldman Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Support Services

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June 6, 2012

The Honorable Vincent J. O'Neill, Jr.
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Honorable Vincent J. O'Neill, Jr.,

I am writing in response the 2011-2012 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury Report, "Earthquake Safety in the Classroom." The Oxnard School District was found **In Compliance** in the report and this response is part of the Grand Jury requirement that the District responds in writing to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the report pursuant to Penal Code sections 933(c) and 933(d).

Enclosed please find the written response in the format required by Penal Code 933.05 and 933.05(b). Please contact me if you require any further information.

Very Sincerely,

Sean Goldman,

Assistant Superintendent,

Human Resources and Support Services

Attachments:

Written Response

Summary Describing the Implemented Actions



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Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, California 93009

Re: Earthquake Safety in the Classroom

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Oxnard School District's Response to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the Ventura County Grand Jury 2011-12 Earthquake Safety in the Classroom Final Report.

The copy is being sent to you as requested in Hon. Vincent J. O'Neill, Jr's letter of May 31, 2012.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2050.

Sincerely.

Paulina Pierce Executive Assistant

Human Resources & Support Services

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Enclosure

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Earthquake Safety In the Classroom
Report Date: June 7, 2012
Response by: <u>Sean Goldman</u> Title: <u>Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources</u>
FINDINGS
 I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-01, FI-02, FI-03, FI-04, FI-05. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)
RECOMMENDATIONS
 Recommendations numbered <u>R-01, R-02, R-04</u> have been implemented. (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
Recommendations numbered have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
 Recommendations numbered require further analysis. (Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
Recommendations numbered will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable. (Attach an explanation.)
Date: 6 112 Signed:
Number of pages attached

Recommendations numbered R-01, R-02, and R-04 have been implemented.

Recommendation R-01:

School districts and the VCOE should continue to review and update their Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan (CSSP) and Earthquake Disaster Plan (EDP) annually as required by the California Education Code.

The Comprehensive Safe School Plan is (describe how the district intends to review and update this plan to maintain compliance.)

The Oxnard School District has current and up-to-date Comprehensive Safe School Plans at each of the 20 school sites. Each Comprehensive Safe School Plan contains a chapter for Earthquake Disaster Plans. In addition, the Oxnard School District is currently revising the District-wide Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and the Emergency Operations Plan for each school site in Compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). Once updated, each school site and the district office will review their plans annually and conduct a comprehensive review and update every three years to comply with the California's SEMS and the NIMS guidelines. In addition, table top exercises and multi-agency drills will be conducted annually.

Recommendation R-02:

School districts should continue to conduct safety drills and safety inspections on a regular basis.

In compliance with CA. Ed. Code 32001 and 35297, Oxnard School District schools will conduct fire drills each month at the Elementary schools and 4 times a year at Middle schools. Earthquake drills will be practiced at least once a quarter at Elementary and once a semester at the Middle school level. Regular safety inspections will be conducted by the Risk Manager, Principals, Ventura County Schools Self Funding Authority and local Oxnard Fire Department to ensure classrooms are safe.

Recommendation R-04:

Ojai Unified, Santa Clara Elem and Rio Elem should purchase and maintain sufficient food, water, communication equipment and medical provisions as required. All other districts should continue to maintain their emergency supplies and equipment.

Oxnard School District agrees that sufficient food, water, communication and medical equipment are essential to the overall Emergency Management program. Although the schools mentioned in Recommendation R-04 are not part of Oxnard School District, we are currently working with each of our schools to ensure a standard cache of supplies and equipment exists at each site. Currently, each site has supplies but the amount and type of supplies vary at each site.