

# Savanna School District

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The Honorable Charles Margines  
Presiding Judge  
Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Savanna School District's Response to the 2016-17 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "The Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB 277 in Orange County Schools."

To the Honorable Charles Margines:

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, the Orange County Grand Jury has requested that the Savanna School District respond to findings and recommendations in the 2016-17 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, "Ouch! – Now That Didn't Hurt: The Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB 277 in Orange County Schools." On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the following is our response:

**Finding 1: The impact of SB 277 on school districts in Orange County was minimal. Districts were prepared and staffed with well trained personnel.**

**Response to Finding 1:** The Savanna School District agrees with this finding. The Savanna School District was aware of the impact of SB 277 before it took effect and trained its staff in preparation for the implementation of SB 277.

**Finding 2: There were very few problems that arose with medical exemptions for vaccinations.**

**Response to Finding 2:** The Savanna School District agrees with this finding. Health clerks and school nurses were able to handle any discrepancies. Our school nurses reported very few problems with medical exemptions for vaccinations.

**Finding 3: Personal belief exemptions that were grandfathered in are professionally tracked with timely notifications to parents as to when vaccinations are due to be completed.**

**Response to Finding 3:** The Savanna School District agrees with this finding. Our staff is tracking personal belief exemptions and will notify parents in a timely manner as to when vaccinations are due to be completed.

**Finding 4: Orange County school districts made every effort to make vaccination information available using social media, direct mailings, and links on school websites to clinics in the area.**

**Response to Finding 4:** The Savanna School District agrees with this finding. The Savanna School District utilized personal contact with parents, direct mailings, and links on school websites to clinics in the area to provide information to parents on vaccinations.

**Finding 5: School nurses, LVNs, and health clerks directly notified the parents of students with vaccination lapses and those requiring boosters for Pre-K, kindergarten, and seventh grade well in advance of the due dates.**

**Response to Finding 5:** The Savanna School District agrees with this finding. Our school nurses, LVN, and office assistants directly notified the parents of students with vaccination lapses well in advance of the due dates. In most cases, the parents of these students completed the vaccination process.

**Recommendation 1:** School districts should continue to track students with grandfathered personal belief exemptions to ensure these students have the required vaccinations before they reach the next reporting levels.

**Response to Recommendation 1:** The Savanna School District has implemented this recommendation. The Savanna School District will continue to track students with grandfathered personal belief exemptions to ensure these students have the required vaccinations before they reach the next reporting levels. The Savanna School District has systems in place to track these students.

**Recommendation 2:** Districts should continue to monitor student vaccination percentages to maintain the threshold defined by the California Department of Public Health.

**Response to Recommendation 2:** The Savanna School District has implemented this recommendation. The Savanna School District will continue to monitor student vaccination percentages to maintain the threshold defined by the California Department of Public Health.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Chris Brown, President of the Board of Trustees



Sue Johnson, Ed.D., District Superintendent

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