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Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92701

Dear Honorable Judge Margines,

Please find this letter in response to the 2016-2017 Orange County Grand Jury report, ***Ouch! – Now that didn't Hurt: The Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB 277 in Orange County Schools.***

Findings 1-5: Ocean View School District agrees with each finding.

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 level.

Response 1: The recommendation has and continues to be implemented as follows:

Students who currently have a personal beliefs exemption that are in grades 1-5 are on a list that is easily accessible. Beginning in 5th grade, identified students are given reminder letters to either begin immunizations, complete immunizations or show proof of the Tdap booster. Sixth graders who lack documentation of needed immunizations, including Tdap booster, will receive letters (during parent conference week in October 2017) reminding parents that their child MUST have proof of required immunization to enroll in 7th grade. These reminder letters are sent again in March along with a phone message to students without immunization documentation. By May, health technicians make personal phone calls to parents of students without immunization documentation.

Recommendation 2: District should continue to monitor student vaccination percentages to maintain the threshold defined by CDPH.

Response 2: The recommendation has and continues to be implemented as follows:

- (a) During Kindergarten registration, the school nurse, health technician or school office manager checks the immunization records of all potential enrollees. A copy of each student's immunization record is reviewed and copied by the nurse or health technician.
 - a. If the student lacks any immunizations, the parent is given the "Notice of Immunizations Needed" (from the CA immunization handbook) and if necessary, a list of local clinics that offer vaccinations.

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- b. If the student is currently up to date but more immunizations are needed, the immunization record is marked "conditional," the student is allowed into school **AND** a reminder is placed in a "tickler" file on when the next dose is due as a follow up system.
- (b) If a parent states that they "do not believe in immunizations," the school nurse or health tech will talk to the parent regarding the new vaccination bill, SB 277, and inform the parent that the personal beliefs exemption is no longer accepted. The parent is directed to their pediatrician for follow-up.
- (c) All health technicians return to work a minimum of two days before the first day of school to personally notify ALL parents whose children are lacking the proper immunization documentation immunization. Students will not be placed on a class roster until ALL immunization requirements are met or at a minimum, up to date.
- (d) Students on alternate immunization schedules – Some parents have opted to not follow the recommended immunization schedule of the CDC. If this is the case, the school nurse or health technician will ask the parent to sign a "Release of Information" form, then send over the "Alternate Immunization Schedule" to the physician. The physician will mark down when the immunizations are due. The health technician places this information into the tickler file so that the parent is reminded when the next dose is due. The parent has 10 days to comply, otherwise the student will be excluded from school.
- (e) Medical Exemptions – School Nurses and health technicians have been trained to accept a medical exemption as long as it follows the guidelines of what immunization, why it is exempted and the duration of the exemption.

The recommended vaccination percentage range is between 92-94% to achieve herd immunity. Ocean View School District has exceeded this threshold and continues to decline in the number of personal beliefs exemptions and increase our vaccination percentage.

Sincerely,



Carol Hansen, Ed.D.
Superintendent