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

Dear Judge Margines,

Per the request from the OC Grand Jury, below please find the Newport-Mesa USD response to the OC Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations pertaining to ***Ouch! – Now That Didn't Hurt: The Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB277 in Orange County Schools.***

**Ouch! – Now That Didn't Hurt-The Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB277 in Orange County Schools  
Newport-Mesa Unified School District's Response to OC Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations**

**Findings**

***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: Newport-Mesa Unified School District agrees with the finding. Newport-Mesa Unified School District was prepared to handle the impact of SB277 with trained staff and responded by notifying families regarding the immunization requirements. Newport-Mesa Unified School District has implemented a continuous system to monitor school immunization requirements and trained personnel track students with immunization needs.*

***Finding 2: There were very few problems that arose with medical exemptions for vaccinations. Health clerks and school nurses were able to handle any discrepancies.***

*Response to Finding 2: Newport-Mesa Unified School District agrees with the finding. School nurses and health clerks have implemented a system to document medical exemptions.*

***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: Newport-Mesa Unified School District agrees with the finding. Newport-Mesa Unified School District utilizes an electronic health record and student information system to track when vaccinations are due and personal belief exemptions are no longer valid.*

***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: Newport-Mesa Unified School District agrees with the finding. Newport-Mesa Unified School District continues to use social media, direct mailings, and links on school websites to communicate immunization resources.*

***Finding 5: School Nurses, LVNs, and health clerks directly notified the parents of students with vaccinations lapses and those requiring boosters for pre-K, kindergarten, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade well in advance of the due dates.***

*Response to Finding 5: Newport-Mesa Unified School District agrees with the finding. A process was and continues to be in place whereby the Newport-Mesa Unified School District staff notify families of students with vaccination needs well in advance of due dates or as soon as the lapse is discovered.*

**Recommendations**

***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 recommendation has been implemented. Newport-Mesa Unified School District has implemented a protocol to track students with grandfathered personal belief exemptions and notify families of student vaccination needs before the student reaches the next reporting level.*

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

*Response to Recommendation 2: The recommendation has been implemented. The Newport-Mesa Unified School District has a reporting process to track student vaccination rate percentages and will continue to monitor desired thresholds as defined by the CDPH.*

cc: Orange County Grand Jury