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

Re: Huntington Beach City 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:

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

Response to Finding 1: The Huntington Beach City School District agrees with this finding. Although the amount of work increased with the requirements of SB 277, staff had time to prepare and develop a plan of action.

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

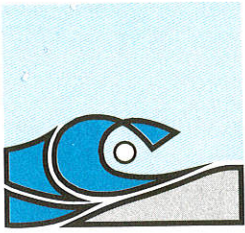
Response to Finding 2: The Huntington Beach City School District agrees with this finding. The teams at each school handled the very few issues that arose with medical exemptions.

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: The Huntington Beach City School District agrees with this finding. HBCSD staff has developed a tracking and notification system for all personal belief exemptions and will follow up with the appropriate and timely notifications.

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 Huntington Beach City School District agrees with this finding. Being proactive in notifications and providing information to families made the process easier.



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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 Huntington Beach City School District agrees with this finding. In most cases parents that were contacted complied quickly with the necessary vaccinations and boosters.


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 Huntington Beach City School District has already implemented a tracking and notification system for students that have utilized the ability to grandfather in at certain grade levels. Contact will be made with these parents multiple times prior to the student's entry into the next grade level that requires reporting with phone calls, letters home and E-mail.

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

Response to Recommendation 2: The Huntington Beach City School District has implemented this recommendation. HBCSD will continue to monitor student vaccinations percentages to maintain the threshold defined by the California Department of Public Health.

Sincerely,


Gregg Haulk, Superintendent
Huntington Beach City School District

cc: Orange County Grand Jury