



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Judge Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court
2017-18 Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92701

Dear Judge Margines,

Orange Unified School District has reviewed the 2016-17 Grand Jury Report entitled "Ouch! – Now that Didn't Hurt: the Implementation of the Vaccination Bill SB 277 in Orange County Schools", which included finding(s) and/or recommendation(s) to your agency.

Penal Code, Section 933.05 (excerpt)

- a) *For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand Jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:*
 - 1) *The respondent agrees with the finding.*
 - 2) *The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case, the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.*
- b) *For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:*
 - 1) *The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.*
 - 2) *The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.*
 - 3) *The recommendation requires further analysis, with 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 head 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.*
 - 4) *The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.*

Please find the responses to the 2016/17 Grand Jury Report based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District.

Grand Jury Findings with Orange Unified School District Responses

Finding 1: The impact of SB277 on school districts in Orange County was minimal. Districts were prepared and staffed with well-trained personnel.

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District (OUSD), OUSD agrees the impact of SB277 on school districts in Orange County was minimal. Orange Unified School District was prepared and staffed with well-trained personnel.

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.

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District, OUSD agrees there were very few problems that arose with medical exemptions for vaccinations. OUSD health clerks and school nurses were able to handle any discrepancies.

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

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District, OUSD agrees that personal belief exemptions that were grandfathered in are professionally tracked with timely notification to parents 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.

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District, OUSD agrees that they made every effort to make vaccination information available using social media, direct mailings and links on school websites to clinics in the area.

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 7th grade well in advance of the due dates.

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District, OUSD agrees that District School nurses, LVNs and health clerks directly notified the parents of students with vaccination lapses and those requiring boosters for pre-K, kindergarten and 7th grade well in advance of the due dates.

Grand Jury Recommendations with Orange Unified School District Responses

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.

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District, OUSD will continue their practice of tracking students with grandfathered personal belief exemptions to ensure these students have the required vaccinations before they reach the next reporting levels.

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

Based upon the experience of Orange Unified School District, OUSD will continue their practice of District monitoring student vaccination percentages to maintain the threshold defined by the CDPH.

Please contact the Orange Unified School District Special Education Office at 714-628-5550 if you have any questions regarding our responses. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the 2016-17 findings and recommendations shared in the Orange County Grand Jury Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise MacAllister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Denise MacAllister
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