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**ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT
Safer Schools- What can we do?**

**RESPONSE SUMMARY FROM
ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, a response is required from the Anaheim Elementary School District to Findings 1-5, 7-9 and Recommendations 1-5, 7-9 in the 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled: "Safer Schools – What Can We Do?"

FINDINGS

Finding 1: School safety and security are priorities in every school district in the Orange County public school system.

Response to F.1.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. School safety and security are a priority in Anaheim Elementary School District.

Finding 2: The implementation of security measures for schools, in many cases is limited by funding.

Response to F.2.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. The extent to which our school can implement the type and extent of security measures is often dependent on funding.

Finding 3: Many Orange County school campuses were constructed to reflect an "open and inviting" atmosphere but are now faced with physical and philosophical security issues that challenge this thinking.

Response to F.3.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. Community members express concern regarding potential school violence and desire enhanced security measures at their children's schools.

Finding 4: While every Orange County school District reported the use of visitor sign-in process, there is lack of procedural consistency among school campuses.

Response to F.4.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. Due to a lack of state or federal guidelines regarding procedures for visitor sign-in, each district must create their own procedures. Anaheim Elementary School District uses the same procedures across the district for our visitor sign in process.

Finding 5: Many districts or school campuses do not require all teachers, staff and volunteers to wear ID badges while on campus, making identification of authorized personnel difficult for substitute teachers, student teachers, visitors, volunteers and first responders.

Response to F.5.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. Our school district does require all employees and visitors to wear an ID badge at all times.

Finding 7: Campus personnel and volunteers, while on duty outside the classroom, have an inconsistent usage or availability of communication devices for emergency situations.

Response to F.7.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. The Anaheim Elementary School District provides two-way radios for custodial and supervisory staff to communicate with the office while on duty outside of buildings.

Finding 8: There is no documentation or reporting protocol within the districts of individual security incidents, making it difficult to track, analyze, and summarize such incidents.

Response to F.8.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 9: While every Orange County school develops a school safety plan, few schools have used an individual school security assessment to identify deficiencies or to develop the required plan.

Response to F.9.: The Anaheim Elementary School District agrees with this finding. The Anaheim Elementary School District had school security assessments performed at all district buildings in 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1: School districts should explore all possible funding resources that may be available in order to implement desired security measures.

Response to R.1.: The recommendation has not yet been fully implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District currently utilizes school bond funds to install single point of entry and other security

measures. All but a few school sites have a single point of entry, by September 2019 all schools will have a single point of entry.

Recommendation 2: School districts should re-evaluate the lack of security fencing on all school campuses and present a report to their respective boards by December 31, 2018, outlining their plans to make campuses more secure.

Response to R.2.: The recommendation has been implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District is currently in the process of completing single point of entry construction at all sites with completion entry by September 2019. A presentation of this plan was provided to our Board of Education.

Recommendation 3: School districts should implement procedures to ensure that all campuses maintain a complete, daily log (electronic or manual) of every visitor and volunteer entering and exiting the campus, excluding program events such as award ceremonies or stage or musical productions

Response to R.3.: The recommendation has been implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District currently utilizes a software program called Raptor Visitor Management that keeps an electronic log of all visitors and volunteers entering and exiting the campus. This system also scans visitor government issued identification cards and checks the information against a national data base.

Recommendation 4: School districts should implement procedures to ensure that photo identification is required of all campus visitors and volunteers before a visitor badge is issued.

Response to R.4.: The recommendation has been implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District currently utilizes a software program called Raptor Visitor Management that keeps an electronic log of all visitors and volunteers entering and exiting the campus. This system also scans visitor government issued identification cards and checks the information against a national data base.

Recommendation 5: School districts should implement procedures to ensure that all faculty and staff are required to wear visible photo ID badges while on campus.

Response to R.5.: The recommendation has been implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District requires all employees to wear their district photo ID badge at all times while on district property.

Recommendation 7: School Districts should evaluate available communication devices and ensure that custodial and supervisory personnel, as well as safety resource offices, playground supervisors and coaches, have two-way radios or equivalent devices with them at all times, enabling instant two-way communication with the office.

Response to R.7.: The recommendation has been implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District provides two-way radios for custodial and supervisory staff to communicate with the office while on duty outside of buildings.

Recommendation 8: School districts should consider requiring that all campus incidents of unauthorized access be recorded, tracked and reported to the district office on a quarterly basis. All districts should share these reports with the Orange County Department of Education.

Response to R.8.: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by July 2018. The Anaheim Elementary School District will adhere to any and all guidelines required by the Orange County Department of Education regarding tracking and reporting unauthorized access to school campuses. Unauthorized entry to campus will be added to the quarterly Building & Grounds Safety Audit required of all school sites effective July 2018.

Recommendation 9: School districts should evaluate each school to perform a school security assessment to evaluate their current school safety plan.

Response to R.9.: The recommendation has been implemented. The Anaheim Elementary School District had detailed school security assessments performed at all district buildings in 2016.

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