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November 21, 2018

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

Re: 2017-18 Orange County Grand Jury Report
Safer Schools – What Can We Do?
Response of Buena Park School District
(Correspondence dated November 8, 2018)

To the Honorable Charles Margines:

In accordance with California Penal Code Section, the Orange County Grand Jury requested that the Buena Park School District respond to findings and recommendations in the 2017-18 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled: "*Safer Schools – What Can We Do?*" the District responded on July 23, 2018. The District on November 8, 2018, was informed that with regards to the responses to the Recommendations, the District's responses were deficient pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05(b) as it applies to missing time frame compliance for: R1, R3, R4, R5, R6, R8. Please find listed below the revised responses to the above listed Recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

R.1.: School districts should explore all possible funding resources that may be available in order to implement desired security measures. (F.2.)

Response to R.1.: The District has been working with various agencies including the Districts Joint Power Authority insurance consortium to utilize safety credits for security issues. The District has reached out to the City of Buena Park in support of security efforts along with the police department. We have also reached out to legislators for assistance with additional funding for security measures. This has begun during the 2018-19 school year but will continue indefinitely into the future.

R.3.: School District 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 awards ceremonies, athletic events, or stage and or musical productions. (F.4.)

Response to R.3.: The recommendation has been implemented. The District has purchased for every school site and the district office the Raptor check-in system. As of November 21, 2018, all sites are implementing the system, which requires every visitor to the site to check in with a government identification. Once the identification is scanned, it is processed through “Meghan Law” databases checking the individual’s identity. The individual, if screened through, is given a badge with their picture on it to enter the school site, once done they are to check out of the school site returning the badge and checking out of the system.

R.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. (F.4., F.5.)

Response to R.4.: The recommendation has been implemented. See R.3. Above, the Raptor system has been installed at every site and requires a photo identification of all campus visitors and volunteers.

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

Response to R.5.: The recommendation is in the process of being implemented. With start of the 2018-19 school year, we have required every faculty member to wear a district issued badge with his or her picture on the badge. We are in the process of getting every substitute a picture identification badge. If the badge is forgotten then we are implementing a procedure for them to have a temporary badge once they have passed through our screening process. Once we have every substitute photo identification processed then the recommendation will be fully implemented. The District goal for full implementation is by January 1, 2019.

R.6.: All school districts with middle or high school campuses should consider using Student ID cards in a format to be worn as student ID badges while on campus. (F.6.)

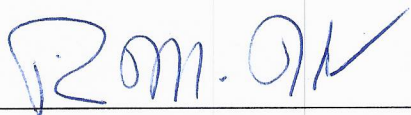
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Response to R.6.: The recommendation has been implemented. Working with the principal of our one middle school we require every student to have and to wear his or her student identification while on campus, the only exception is during physical education or industrial arts class. The school has taken the additional step if a student forgets their ID they must check in with the office and once cleared they are issued a wrist ban to show they have been cleared for the day. While with the start of the school year the recommendation was implemented, we are still working out areas such as bad lanyards that have been breaking on the students. We will continue to address issues to have a seamless process as we continue into the 2019-20 school year.

R.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. (F.8.)

Response to R.8.: The recommendation is in the process of being implemented. We have instructed each of our seven school sites to immediately report any unauthorized visitors, they are to keep a log and on a quarterly basis submit the report to the district office. The recommendation will be fully implemented by the end of the 2018-19 school year and will remain in place for future school years.

Sincerely,



Richard Holash

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November 8, 2018

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RE: 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury Report: "Safer Schools-What Can We Do"

Dear Mr. Holash:

With regard to the responses to the Recommendations, the District's responses are deficient pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05(b) as it applies to missing time frame compliance for: R1, R3, R4, R5, R6, R8.

Please provide your further response compliant with Penal Code to Charles Margines, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, with a separate copy emailed to grandjurysupport@occourts.org, within 15 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Birgit Sale, Foreperson
2018-2019 Orange County Grand Jury

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