

August 27, 2007

Joseph M. Farley, Ed.D. Superintendent

Honorable Nancy Wieben-Stock, Presiding Judge Orange County Superior Court C1 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Wieben-Stock:

The following information is provided in response to the May 23, 2007, request of the Orange County Grand Jury regarding the response to Finding F-1, and recommendation R-1, of the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Orange County Schools Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen*.

Grand Jury Finding F-1:

"The overall quality of the 28 Orange County School Districts and their individual school's emergency preparedness plans are in need of much improvement."

Response to Finding F-1:

Anaheim Union High School District agrees with the finding.

<u>Grand Jury Recommendation R-1</u>:

"Orange County school districts should make sure that they and their individual schools have a SEMS equivalent plan, and these should be submitted to the Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools for review."

Response to Recommendation R-1:

Anaheim Union High School District has partially implemented the SEMS equivalent plan, and a timeframe for complete implementation follows:

Implementation and Timeframe:

May/June 2007

Principals and district staff met, discussed, and planned a strategy to improve district and site emergency preparedness plans.

June 2007

Anaheim Union High School District staff in-serviced every site administrator at each school regarding SEMS, ICS, emergency preparedness plans, crisis response, and table top exercises.

June, July, August 2007

Anaheim Union High School District staff and site administrators updated site SEMS, ICS, emergency preparedness plans, and district EOC.

August 2007

Anaheim Union High School District staff and site administrators met with local law enforcement and fire officials regarding ongoing district-wide training for SEMS, ICS, emergency preparedness plans, and crisis response simulations.

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September 2007

Anaheim Union High School District staff and site administrators will complete the updates to SEMS, ICS, and emergency preparedness plans, and prepare for an October 2007 review.

October 2007

Anaheim Union High School District staff and site administrators will review SEMS, ICS, and emergency preparedness plans.

October 2007

Updated Anaheim Union High School District and school site SEMS, ICS, and emergency preparedness plans will be shared with Orange County Department of Education officials.

September-October 2007

Anaheim Union High School District staff, site administrators, as well as certificated and classified employees, will continue emergency preparedness training through ongoing collaborations with city and county agencies, community groups, and disaster relief agencies.

September 2007-June 2008

The Anaheim Union High School District will continue ongoing emergency preparedness, SEMS, and ICS trainings as a part of the monthly district safe school coordinator meetings, community safe school network meetings, and site faculty meetings.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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