



## HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Re: Responses to "Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen"

Dear Judge Wieben-Stock:

All Orange County School Districts have been requested to respond to the Findings and Recommendations F1 and R1 of the "Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen" study conducted by the Orange County Grand Jury.

### Findings and Responses

**Finding #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:** The Huntington Beach Union High School District schools have a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan which is updated on a yearly basis. However we are currently implementing additional National Incident Management System (NIMS) training which will be included with Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).

### Recommendations and Responses

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:** The Huntington Beach Union High School District feels that the recommendation to submit plans to the Orange County Department of Education is not warranted. It is the responsibility of each school district to review their own school safety plans as mandated by California Education Code Section 32281 and 32288. The Huntington Beach Union High School District will continue to have a SEMS equivalent plan and will work with Orange County Emergency Managers Organization (OCEMO) and the Orange County Department of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations prepared by the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

Van W. Riley, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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