



## La Habra City School District

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October 12, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Via Fax 714-834-5555

Dear Judge Nancy Wieben Stock:

Re: 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Orange County Schools  
Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen?"

The following information is being submitted to you in response to the above report and specifically addressing Finding F-1 and Recommendation R-1 in accordance with California Penal Code Section 933.05(a) and (b):

**Finding F-1** – The over-all quality of the 28 Orange County school districts and their individual school's emergency preparedness plans are in need of much improvement.

**Response:** La Habra City School District cannot speak for the quality of all the Orange County plans that have been reviewed by the Orange County Grand Jury per their report of May 17, 2007. We can only speak to the La Habra City School District Emergency Preparedness Plan, which the District has been addressing since the transition of Child Welfare & Attendance officers the month of August 07.

The Child Welfare & Attendance officer has the responsibility of coordinating the District's efforts in improving each school's and District site's preparedness plans. To date, the school site's and District command communication system has been updated. Several of us have communicated with and attended the Orange County Department of Education's Safe Schools Planning Seminars. The District's next step is to arrange for a Safe School Planning Seminar presenter to come in and work with all administrators/select staff members to evaluate their school's and District's site plans against the standard of an effective comprehensive model plan. Our efforts will continue until all preparedness plans are updated and reviewed by the City of La Habra Police Department. The does accept the responsibility for updating school and District Emergency Preparedness Plans.

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Rec. R-1 – 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 recommendation to submit plans to the Orange County Department of Education will not be implemented because it is not warranted. It is the responsibility of each school district to review their own “Comprehensive School Safety Plans” as required by the California Education Code Sections 32281 and 32288. Per the above, La Habra City School District is taking advantage of the Orange County Superintendent of Schools offer to assist our School District with updating our schools’ site and District site plans.

We trust that the preceding satisfies the requirement of responding to the Findings and Recommendations (F-1 and R-1) of the “Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen” study conducted by the Orange County Grand Jury. We of the District appreciate your granting of a 45 day extension in responding to the specific Finding and Recommendation.

Please call if you have any questions; 714-393-9185 (cell).

Sincerely,



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