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

REGARDING: ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS DISASTER PLANS: A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

The Orange Unified School District is in receipt of the Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Orange County Schools Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen?" released on May 21, 2007.

Included in the document is a request for district response to F-1.

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."

The Orange Unified School District's response is as follows:

The Orange Unified School District was one of five district's with a district wide emergency preparedness plan rated "Above Expected." Based on the response to the recent brush fires occurring within the district, plans were already under way to update the existing plans. After reviewing the "Grand Jury's Report", additional updating will occur in the areas of mitigation and implementation at the school site levels.

Included in the document is a request for district response to R-1.

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 for review."

The Orange Unified School District's response is as follows:

The Orange Unified School District has collaborated with local law enforcement and fire authorities for several years. The existing plan contains the primary requirements of SEMS and NIMS. The plan has been shared with other school districts and has been presented at several Orange County Red Cross Annual Conferences in conjunction with the Orange County Department of Education. It is anticipated that an updated plan will be in place prior to October 1, 2007, and the updated plan will be provided to the Orange County Department of Education for their review.

Included in the document is a "required permissible response to the findings as indicated in Section 933.05(a)(b)."

The Orange Unified School District's responses for both of the findings are as follows:

1. The Orange Unified School District agrees with the findings.
2. The district will be updating the district's existing eEOP (Earthquake, Emergency Operation Plans) for implementation at all school sites by October 2007. A copy will be provided to the Orange County Department of Education for review.

Please feel free to contact our office at (714) 628-4040 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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