

Orange County Department of Education  
Response to the  
2005-06 Orange County Grand Jury Report  
“Teaching about Safe Surrender”

**Grand Jury Recommendation 6.2:**

**Teaching about Safe Surrender: Secondary schools for which the Orange County Superintendent of Schools has responsibility, and teaches sex education in the health curriculum, do not include Safe Surrender, except for some Alternative Education programs. SB 2817 mandates education about Safe Surrender by school districts providing comprehensive sexual health education within their secondary school health education curriculum.**

**Response to Finding 6.2:**

*The Orange County Superintendent of Schools direct responsibility is contained to the 140 Alternative Education school sites. All health education and sex education classes are conducted under the TUF grant (Teen Unwed Pregnancy and Fatherless Prevention Program) do educate students on the importance and availability of Safe Surrender programs. Nearly 200 posters were ordered from Project Cuddle in English and Spanish. These posters are displayed at all 140 Alternative Education school sites for the 2006-2007 school year. Pamphlets and brochures from this program are distributed to these school sites on an annual basis.*

**Grand Jury Recommendation 7.4:**

**Education of students in county-operated schools: The Orange County Superintendent of Schools should revisit and reconsider Safe Surrender instruction of the students for whom he is responsible. The Superintendent should also consider providing county-level educational leadership about Safe Surrender.)**

**Response to Finding 7.4:**

*The Orange County Superintendent of Schools is committed to supporting Safe Surrender programs and ensuring that all students for whom he is responsible are aware of their options. He cares about their safety and well being, as well as the future of all children. With the high-risk population of students found within the county Alternative Education sites, he agrees that instruction on the availability of these programs is vital and encourages the dissemination of information. The Superintendent has supported training and ongoing distribution of Safe Surrender Law SB 1386 at Health Conferences and to District Nurses at annual convenings of said professionals.*

