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

Dear Honorable Judge Stock,

Attached is the required responses from the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Orange County Schools Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen," from the Tustin Unified School District.

I appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury and have taken immediate steps to review existing procedures and policies related to disaster preparedness. Furthermore, I facilitated a meeting in June with a group of law enforcement officers from three agencies that represent the District and key staff members to review our existing procedures with TUSD's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) document to insure its complete utilization during a real emergency.

Please feel free to call me if you have any further questions.


Richard Bray
Superintendent

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ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT

Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen

Response Summary from the Tustin Unified School District

In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933 and 933.05, a response is required from the Superintendent of the Tustin Unified School District to Findings F-1, F-2, and Recommendation R-1 of the Orange County Grand Jury report titled "Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen".

Finding F-1

The over-all quality of the 28 Orange County School District and their individual school's emergency preparedness plans are in need of much improvement.

After reviewing the District's SEMS Plan, which is just a part of each school's "Comprehensive School Safety Plan," I feel that the District has more than adequate plans in place in case of a disaster. The Tustin Unified School District received three different grades from the Grand Jury scorers for the same basic plan. Nevertheless, the District annually works to update and refine its procedures and protocols to make our plans current and part of the culture of our community. I will require that staff focuses energy on emergency/disaster preparedness for the next school year by auditing updated school plans and providing professional development training by our local police agencies.

Finding F-2

California Education Code Section 32288 requires that each school district or county office of education notify the State Department of Education, by October 15th of the year of discovery, of any schools that have not complied with section 32281.

The Superintendent of the Tustin Unified School District agrees with Finding F-2.

Recommendation 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.

The Orange County Department of Education has agreed to act as a coordinating agency to assist the District with updating our plans as requested. We understand that under education code 32288 that we have the primarily responsibility to review our schools' "Comprehensive School Safety Plan" to make sure they are complete, updated and equivalent plans.