

501 NORTH CRESCENT WAY, ANAHEIM, CA 92801 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Anaheim Union High School District 501 N. Crescent Way Anaheim, CA 92801 Attn: Dr. Adela Cruz

August 23, 2023

The Honorable Maria Hernandez Presiding Judge of the Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Anaheim Union High School District's Response to the 2022-23 Orange County Grand Jury Report on "Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County."

To: The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Orange County Grand Jury has requested that the Anaheim Union High School District respond to findings and recommendations in the 2022-2023 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled "Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County," published on June 21, 2023. Below are the responses of the Fullerton School District, as approved by the Board of Education on August 15, 2023.

F#	Finding	Agree/Disagree	Responses and Explanation (if Required
F1	Illicit fentanyl is sold on the streets and through social media marketed as legitimate pharmaceuticals, or as other drugs laced with fentanyl, or sold as straight fentanyl, leading to exponentially increasing fentanyl addiction and deaths in Orange County.	The Anaheim Union High School Districts agrees with this finding.	
F2	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	The Anaheim Union High School Districts agrees with this finding.	
F3	Drug dealers use social media to sell fentanyl and other drugs. Social media business models impede law enforcement investigations.	The Anaheim Union High School Districts agrees with this finding.	
F7	Orange County will benefit by establishing a chartered multi-	The Anaheim Union High School	

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	agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County.	Districts agrees with this finding.	
F8	As long as there is a demand, producers will find ways to supply drugs. Orange County cannot law enforce its way out of the fentanyl crisis. Education, prevention, and treatment are critical to reducing demand.	The Anaheim Union High School Districts agrees with this finding.	
F9	There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgement of the risks of illicit fentanyl.	The Anaheim Union High School Districts agrees with this finding.	
F10	Some educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.	The respondent disagrees partially with the finding.	Partially Disagrees: While we cannot speak to all community efforts, programs, or school districts, the Anaheim Union High School Districts has been proactive with school assemblies, parent workshops, and alternatives to suspension programs that deliver daily lessons related to alcohol, drug use, with specific lesson on fentanyl. As part of Red Ribbon week, we provide students with lessons on substance recognition and avoidance, including Fentanyl. Additionally, in 22/23 the District supplied Narcan in the school offices at all 20 of our schools. This ensures that all schools have Narcan available and staff trained to administer it anytime students are on campus.

R#	Recommendation	Implementation	Response and Explanation (if required)
R1	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Board of Supervisors should charter a multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis. (F2, F7, F8, F9)	The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the timeline they establish for this multi-agency task force.
R5	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Department of Education should develop a	The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange

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model fentanyl/opioid	the future, with a	County Board of Education
prevention educational program	timeframe for	and the timeline they
to be offered to all K-12 school	implementation.	establish for the model
districts in Orange County. (F2,		Fentanyl/opioid prevention
F8, F9, F10)		education program.
By October 1, 2023, the Orange County Department of Education should promote the use of currently established and in-place fentanyl and drugrelated educational programs offered by OC agencies such as Health Care Agency, OC Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County. (F2, F8, F9, F10)	The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange County Board of Education and the timeline they establish with the providers and partner agencies of fentanyl and drug-related educational programs.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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