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The Honorable Maria Hernandez
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The Los Alamitos Unified School District (District) commends the Grand Jury for its time and attention devoted to studying this very important issue and publishing the Grand Jury Report dated June 16, 2023, entitled: *Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County* (Report).

The District has thoroughly reviewed and considered the Findings and Recommendations in the Report. In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Grand Jury has requested that the District respond to Findings and Recommendations made in the Report.

Please see below for the responses to each required Finding as requested in the Orange County Grand Jury report and attached cover letter dated June 16, 2023.

Finding		Response	Explanation (if Required)
F2	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	Agree. The respondent agrees with the finding.	
F7	Orange County will benefit by establishing a chartered multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County.	Agree. The respondent agrees with the 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.	Agree. The respondent agrees with the finding.	

F9	There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgement of the risks of illicit fentanyl.	Agree. The respondent agrees with the finding.	
F10	Some educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.	Disagree. The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding.	The respondent disagrees with the finding. While the Grand Jury has determined that "some" educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs, Los Al Unified is, in fact, participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.

Please see below for the responses to each required Recommendation as requested in the Orange County Grand Jury report and attached cover letter dated June 16, 2023.

Recommendation		Action	Explanation
R1	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Board of Supervisors should charter a multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented as it is directed to the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Should the Orange County Board of Supervisors charter a multi-agency task force to address the fentanyl crisis, the Orange County Department of Education has indicated its willingness to participate on behalf of Orange County school districts, including Los Al Unified.
R5	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Department of Education should develop a model fentanyl/opioid educational program to be offered to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented as it is directed to the Orange County Department of Education. The Orange County Department of Education has indicated its intent to develop a model fentanyl/opioid educational program and offer it to all K-12 school districts in Orange County. Should this program be offered to Los Al Unified, it will be considered for review and implementation.

<p>R6</p>	<p>By October 1, 2023, the Orange County Department of Education should promote the use of currently established and in-place fentanyl and drug-related educational programs offered by OC agencies such as the OC Health Care Agency, OC Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.</p>	<p>The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.</p>	<p>The recommendation has not yet been implemented as it is directed to the Orange County Department of Education. The Orange County Department of Education has indicated that it will promote the use of currently established and in-place fentanyl and drug-related educational programs offered by OC agencies and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County. Should these programs be promoted to Los Al Unified, they will be considered for review and implementation.</p>
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Please accept the information provided herein as the District's responses to the Orange County Grand Jury's Factual Findings and Recommendations in the Report. Once again, we appreciate the time and attention that the Grand Jury devoted to this very important issue.

Sincerely,



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