



Fountain Valley School District
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 Attn: Erin Bains
 Director, Student Services & Safety

September 7, 2023

The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez
 Presiding Judge
 Orange County Superior Court
 700 Civic Center Drive West
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge,

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 14, 2023.

F #	Finding	Agree/ Disagree	Response And Explanation (if Required)
F1	Law enforcement, first responders, and other stakeholders have demonstrated a strong interest in working cooperatively with Orange County public schools to mitigate the risk of an active shooter incident; establishment of MOUs between law enforcement and school districts would strengthen this cooperation.	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	FVSD has a strong relationship with both Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley Police departments but we disagree that a MOU is needed at this time.
F2	All Orange County public schools studied by the Grand Jury stated that they conducted or have scheduled drills within the current school year on emergency procedures addressing intruders on campus, but not all have done so specifically regarding armed assailants.	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we have trained our staff specifically regarding armed assailants.
F3	While all districts prioritize the safety of students and staff, the attention and resources devoted to active shooter preparedness and response vary from district to district.	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	
F4	Safety and security plans for on-campus before and after-school programs are not adequately addressed by school districts.	Disagree. The Respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding (see right for explanation)	FVSD does have plans in place for before and after school but we are looking at ways to improve what we do have.
F5	While many Orange County public schools have installed fences, cameras, and other methods to address the issue of active shooters on a campus,	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we have begun installing fences and a single point of entry with one camera.

	there are still opportunities for improvement.		
F6	Not all schools utilize a system for monitoring campus visitors.	Disagree. The Respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding (see right for explanation)	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we do have a system, Raptor, that allows visitors' IDs to be scanned and visitor badges with photos are printed and to be worn while on campus.
F7	While there is an increased awareness of the benefits of mental health counseling, not all school districts have implemented these programs in all schools.	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we have one counselor and guidance tech at each middle school and five counselors for our seven elementary schools.
F8	School Resource Officers (SROs) are a valuable asset for school safety, yet many cities/districts do not allocate sufficient funds to hire needed officers.	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we are supported by both HBPD and FVPD. There are 44 schools for the two SROs in HBPD and ??? for the one SRO in FVPD.
F9	Not all classrooms have window shades, tinted glass, or film to obstruct the interior view from the outside.	Disagree. The Respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding (see right for explanation)	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, all of the windows at our sites do have tinted glass with the exception of our middle school science labs which have shades.
F10	The camera surveillance systems utilized on many campuses require repairs, replacement, or additions.	Disagree. The Respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding (see right for explanation)	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we do not have cameras installed at our school sites.
F11	Many schools do not have perimeter fencing completely enclosing their campus.	Disagree. The Respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding (see right for explanation)	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we have begun the process of installing fences with a single point of entry to enclose each campus.
F12	A number of school districts have school site administrative offices that remain unlocked on a daily basis.	Agree. The Respondent agrees with the finding	While FVSD cannot respond on behalf of all schools, we do keep our front door to reception unlocked during business hours however we are installing a camera and buzz-in hardware when we complete our fencing project.

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 14, 2023.

R #	Recommendation	Implementation	Response And Explanation (if Required)
R1	Each Orange County school district should arrange for local law enforcement to do an annual safety inspection of each school. The written safety checklist should include an audit of the integrity of	Recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be in the future (see	Huntington Beach Police Department is scheduling inspections by October 15. Currently working with Fountain Valley

	site boundaries and a review of safety plans and policies. This annual safety audit should commence with the 2023-24 school year by October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter.	right for timeline)	Police Department to schedule inspections by November 1, 2023.
R2	All Orange County school districts should establish a threat identification and assessment system for all school sites to monitor social media, screen for messages of concern, and manage information received in coordination with local law enforcement using MOUs, if necessary, by July 1, 2024.	Recommendation has been implemented	FVSD coordinates with Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center and the Critical Infrastructure Unit.
R3	Each Orange County school district, in conjunction with law enforcement, should develop and implement tabletop exercises to be conducted in district schools by December 31, 2023, and annually thereafter.	Recommendation has been implemented	Tabletop exercises are completed at the district and school site levels.
R4	Each Orange County school district should work with local law enforcement to plan and conduct a district-wide active shooter drill by July 1, 2024, and at least every other year thereafter.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be in the future (see right for timeline)	FVSD will work with HBPD and FVPD to conduct drills by the end of the 23-24 school year.
R5	All Orange County school districts should develop a casualty care training program for each school in their district, to be in place by the end of the first semester of the 2023-24 school year and provided annually thereafter.	Recommendation has been implemented	Sites have been trained in Stop the Bleed, CPR, and first aid.
R6	Safety and security plans for on-campus before and after-school programs need to be addressed more thoroughly by school districts, by July 1, 2024.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be in the future (see right for timeline)	FVSD will work with Extended School Program staff to create plans for before and after school safety by the end of the 23-24 school year.
R7	Each Orange County school district should obtain and incorporate perimeter camera systems in all district schools by July 1, 2024, or earlier if financially able to do so, and investigate the potential use of cameras that incorporate Artificial Intelligence to enhance threat detection and prevention.	Recommendation requires further analysis (see right for explanation of scope, parameters, and 6 month timeline of analysis)	FVSD is currently installing perimeter fences; we do not currently have camera systems but they will be analyzed at each site.
R8	All Orange County school districts should review entry procedures on all campuses with an eye toward the use of perimeter fencing, the use of single point entry, and the use of a buzzer and camera system for entry into the main/administrative offices.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be in the future (see right for timeline)	FVSD is currently installing perimeter fencing with a single point of entry, camera, and a buzzer. All sites will be completed by the start of the beginning of the 24-25 school year.
R9	Each Orange County school district should identify and implement a parent and visitor management system for each school site within the school district. This is to include identified access points, badges, or a similar identification procedure to be implemented by July 1, 2024.	Recommendation has been implemented	FVSD implemented a visitor sign in software program, Raptor.

R10	Each Orange County school district should implement training for all staff to identify threat-related behaviors and provide a procedure for reporting the behavior by the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.	Recommendation has been implemented	All sites were trained by Knowledge Saves Lives which focuses on situational awareness.
R11	All Orange County school districts should develop a plan to implement or enhance mental health counseling for all schools by December 31, 2024.	Recommendation has been implemented	FVSD currently has one counselor and one guidance tech for each of our three middle schools and five elementary counselors for our seven elementary schools. We also have one behavioral aide at each elementary school. We will be partnering with Hazel Health for telehealth counseling.
R12	Each Orange County school district should assess the need for SROs or additional SROs, reaching out to appropriate community partners to facilitate funding by July 1, 2024.	Recommendation has been implemented	We have met with both FVPD and HBPD but the state's funding model for FVSD does not allow for this in our budget..
R13	All Orange County school districts should investigate and consider bullet resistant or tinted film covering for school windows by December 31, 2023.	Recommendation has been implemented	All schools in FVSD have tinted windows with the exception of our middle school science buildings which have shades.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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