

Buena Park School District  
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Attn: Dr. Yvette Cantu

September 12, 2023

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

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 Buena Park 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 Buena Park School District, as approved by the Board of Education on September 11, 2023.

<b>Finding</b>		<b>Response</b>	<b>Explanation (if required)</b>
<b>F2</b>	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	Agree. The respondent agrees with the finding.	
<b>F7</b>	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.	
<b>F8</b>	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.	

<b>R5</b>	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 with a timeframe for implementation.	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange County Board of Education and the timeline they establish for the model Fentanyl/opioid prevention education program.
<b>R6</b>	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.	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 do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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