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Education and Assessment Services

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Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
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Dear Grand Jury,

I am writing on behalf of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District in response to the Orange County Grand Jury report on Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County.

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District takes great pride in our efforts and ability to identify and address the impact of the growing fentanyl crisis throughout the county. To date, no incidents of fentanyl exposure have been recorded in FJUHS, but we recognize that our community is not immune to this and other dangers. Our District has implemented several initiatives, programs, and practices to raise awareness and communicate the dangers of drugs and illegal substances to both students and families. With that said, we acknowledge that there is still progress to be made and appreciate the work of the Grand Jury and the insights gleaned from this process.

At the September 12, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting for Fullerton Joint Union High School District, the Board approved the Grand Jury Responses as requested by the Orange County Grand Jury dated June 21, 2023.

F #	Finding	Agree/ Disagree	Response And Explanation (if Required)
F2	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	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.	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.	Agrees with the finding.	
F9	There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgment of the risks of illicit fentanyl.	Agrees with the finding.	

F10	Some educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.	Agrees with the finding.	The respondent agrees with the finding. While the Grand Jury has determined that “some” educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs, FJUHSD is, in fact, participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.
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Please see below for the responses to each required Recommendation as requested in the Orange County Grand Jury report.

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.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be within a time frame for implementation.	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 FJUHSD.
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.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be within a time frame for implementation.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented as it is directed to the Orange County Department of Education but will be implemented in the future. Specifically, the Orange County Department of Education is developing a health education program to address opioid and fentanyl use among students. The program will include lesson plans, family engagement resources, substance use treatment information, and guidelines for implementation. This program will be shared with FJUHSD by January 1, 2024.
R6	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 Health Care Agency, OC Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.	Recommendation has been implemented.	FJUHSD currently supports and promotes existing health education services provided by OCDE, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Health Care Agency, and other County-funded programs. Information about these services is made available through a variety of professional networks administered by the OCDE, as well as through focused collaborative events. FJUHSD also provides individual referrals to available services in partnership with OCDE.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Director of Student Support Services, Allen Whitten, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sent on Behalf of the Board of Education

Sincerely,

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