

September 18, 2023

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

Dear Judge Hernandez,

In compliance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) offers the following response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations based on their investigation, "*Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County*" (Report).

Please see below for the responses to each Finding (2,7,8, 9, and 10) as required 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.	<p>TUSD agrees with this recommendation.</p> <p>TUSD is already working with OCDE, OC Sheriff's Department, and OC Healthcare Agency to educate our constituency on the dangers of Opioids.</p> <p>TUSD also participates in the Narcan National Distribution Program. Each TUSD site has, at minimum, two doses (four at the HS level) of an Opioid Antagonist (Narcan) on site and a standing order for additional doses as needed.</p> <p>Further, Staff on each site is trained to recognize the signs of potential opioid overdose and to administer Narcan.</p>

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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.	Agree. The respondent agrees with the finding.	TUSD is unable to speak for other educational institutions. However, TUSD has already begun educating our constituency. Efforts include presentations by OC Sheriff's Office and additional support by OCDE Staff.

Please see below for the responses to each Recommendation (1, 5, and 6) as required 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 requires further analysis.	<p>TUSD has no jurisdiction over the efforts of the OC Board of Supervisors. Therefore, TUSD finds this recommendation in need of further analysis.</p> <p>If the OC Board of Supervisors wishes to form a multi-agency task force to address the fentanyl crisis, as suggested, TUSD would support this decision and participate if invited.</p>
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 requires further analysis.	<p>TUSD finds this recommendation in need of further analysis. TUSD does not have jurisdiction over actions taken by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE).</p> <p>OCDE Staff is already providing guidance on to districts like TUSD on opioid education. If OCDE were to produce a model fentanyl/opioid educational program, TUSD would appreciate any further guidance, resources, or support they may provide.</p>

<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 requires further analysis.</p>	<p>TUSD finds this recommendation in need of further analysis. TUSD does not have control over actions taken by the Orange County Department Of Education (OCDE).</p> <p>TUSD is already working with OCDE, the OC Sheriff's Department, and the OC Health Care Agency on educating our shared constituency on the dangers of opioid use. The OC Sheriff's Office and OCDE Staff provided "Fentanyl Talks" on TUSD campuses during the 2022-23 school year. Therefore, efforts in this area are already underway, ahead of the October 1, 2023 deadline set forth by this recommendation.</p> <p>Further promotion of educational efforts surrounding the dangers of opioid use would be welcomed by TUSD.</p>
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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