



**Lowell Joint
School District**

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July 22, 2024

The Honorable Maria Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Lowell Joint School District's Response to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report: "Use of Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Public Schools (K-12), It's Not Elementary."

Judge Hernandez:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Orange County Grand Jury has requested that the Lowell Joint School District respond to findings and recommendations in the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled "Use of Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Public Schools (K-12), It's Not Elementary". Below are the responses of the Lowell Joint School District, as approved by the Board of Education on August 5, 2024.

F #	Finding	Agree/ Disagree	Response And Explanation (if Required)
F1	Orange County's K-12 public schools have implemented policies and/or guidelines around the use of different AI platforms in varying and inconsistent ways. Some prohibit AI's use; others allow it; and some don't have policies or guidelines governing AI at all.	The respondent agrees with the finding.	
F2	Superintendents provide varying levels of support in implementing AI policies and/or guidelines in their respective school districts.	The respondent agrees with the finding.	
F3	There are many resources to guide educators in using AI. Several are available at the local level through the Orange	The respondent agrees with the finding.	

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<p>County Department of Education, Orange County Board of Education, CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County, and Orange Unified School District Technology Department, to name a few. However, utilization and even awareness of the availability of such resources is highly variable across school districts.</p>		
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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	<p>Orange County's K-12 schools should implement policies and guidelines regarding the appropriate use of AI. These may be provided at the district level or within individual schools through the adoption of an Acceptable Use Policy, Code of Ethics, or other written directives addressing the use of AI.</p>	<p>Recommendation has not yet been implemented.</p>	<p>During the 2024-2025 school year, the Educational and Technology Services Departments will collaborate with the Superintendent to implement responsible use of AI tools by students and teachers and update the district Acceptable Use Policy.</p>
R2	<p>Superintendents should ensure that their schools have policies that cover, at a minimum: the scope, guiding principles, and training regarding the responsible use of AI tools by students and teachers; any prohibited uses or special considerations regarding AI tools; and related security,</p>	<p>Recommendation has not yet been implemented.</p>	<p>During the 2024-2025 school year, the Educational and Technology Services Departments will collaborate with the Superintendent to implement responsible use of AI tools by students and teachers.</p>

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	privacy, and safety considerations.		
R3	K-12 students should be trained on the appropriate use of AI.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented.	During the 2024-25 school year, lessons will be provided to students on acceptable and appropriate use of AI in the classroom.
R4	K-12 teachers should be trained on the appropriate use of AI.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented.	During the 2024-25 school year, workshops will be provided to teachers on acceptable and appropriate use of AI in the classroom.
R5	Schools and educators should be encouraged to collaborate with the various available AI consortiums and think tanks, such as OCDE and CLAOC, to effectively implement AI and establish basic tenets for its use.	Recommendation has been implemented.	LJSD has attended workshops with OCDE (AI Forward Series partnered with Designing Schools) and the AI Revolution conference for AI education and collaboration in the 2023-2024 school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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