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Civil Grand Jury – Foreperson
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RE: Response to 2015-2016 Contra Costa Grand Jury Report 1604, “Are our Schools in Compliance with the EpiPen Law, SB 1266?”

Dear Grand Jury Foreperson,

The following is the Liberty Union High School District’s (District) response to Grand Jury Report 1604, “Are our Schools in Compliance with the EpiPen Law, SB 1266?”

Response to Findings

Finding #1

Mylan Specialty Division supplies Pens at no cost to public schools in the district.

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #2

Mylan Specialty Division will replace Pens at public schools in the district that have expired at a discounted cost.

The District partially disagrees with the finding as Mylan has agreed to replace two Pens per school site for free. Any additional replacement pens will be at an expense to the District.

Finding #3

FARE and CEC statistical information project a range of 4 percent to 7.7 percent of students (7,200 to 13,850 out of the estimated 180,000 students in Contra Costa County’s eighteen school districts) that may have an allergy that is unknown to parents and undiagnosed.

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #5

SB1266 does not clearly address the use of Pens at off-campus school activities or events.

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #7

SB 1266 does not require follow up procedures for reporting the use of a Pen.

The District agrees with the Finding.

Response to Recommendations

Recommendation #3

Each of the School District Boards should direct the School District Superintendent to contact all schools in their district at the start of each school calendar year to confirm that they are compliant with the requirements of SB 1266.

The recommendation is addressed in the District's Administrative Regulation 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions.

Recommendation #4

Each of the School District Boards should direct their School District Superintendent to report to the Board at the start of each school calendar year that the School District is compliant with the requirements of SB 1266.

The recommendation is addressed in the District's Administrative Regulation 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions.

Recommendation #8

The School Districts should consider the practical and legal issues of supplying Pens for field trips and other off-site school events, and working with school nurses to develop policies and procedures for their use at these events.

The District recognized that this recommendation is not currently required by legislation. Students with known allergies carry their Pen to off-site events consistent with their Emergency Healthcare Plan: EpiPen. The current EpiPen 4 Schools program supplies a maximum of two Pens per school site. If one or more of these two Pens is taken on an off-site event, a Pen would not be available on the school campus should a student experience an anaphylactic reaction. As a high school district, there are many instances where more than one class, grade level, club, or athletic team are on an off-campus event at the same time. A potential solution to this problem would be for Mylan Corp. to increase the number of Pens they currently offer through the program.

Recommendation #10

The School Districts should consider working with school nurses to develop policies and procedures for reporting the use of Pens.

In consultation with the School Nurse, the District has a procedures for reporting the use of Pens.

Recommendation #12

The School Districts should consider helping parents understand the risks of anaphylaxis and the protocols in place for emergency administration of epinephrine. The School Districts should consider “identifying funds” to carry out these activities.

The District’s School Nurse regularly meets with parents to help parents understand the risk of anaphylaxis. Information on use the use of emergency administration of epinephrine is posted on the District’s website and contained in the District’s *Annual Notification to Parents and Guardians*. District resources are currently committed to these activities.

Sincerely,



John Saylor
Director, Special Services