



Brentwood Union School District

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By U.S. Mail & E-Mail: ctadmin@contracosta.courts.ca.gov

Contra Costa County Grand Jury

Attn: Foreperson

P.O. Box 431

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RE: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 2008

Dear Foreperson:

In response to your letter dated June 10, 2020, the Governing Board of the Brentwood Union School District (BUSD) provides this response to the following findings and recommendations in Grand Jury Report No. 2008- Do Our Public Schools Have Adequate Emergency Supplies? as requested.

Finding #1:

The California Education Code does not specify the type of supplies schools should maintain for emergencies.

Response to Finding #1:

Per the Grand Jury Report, No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Finding #2:

Each Contra Costa County school district determines its own emergency preparedness plans (based on California State Education Department guidelines), including the amount and type of emergency supplies to maintain at its schools.

Response to Finding #2:

Per the Grand Jury Report, No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Finding #3:

The Contra Costa County Office of Education posts on its website a recommended list (minimum standard list) of emergency supplies for school districts.



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Response to Finding #3:

Per the Grand Jury Report No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Finding #4:

Some Contra Costa County school districts did not demonstrate that they maintain supplies in conformity with the Contra Costa County Office of Education minimum standard list.

Response to Finding #4:

The District partially disagrees with the finding. The District has not verified whether other school districts maintain supplies in conformity with the County Office of Education's minimum standard list.

Finding #5:

Some Contra Costa County school districts fund purchasing and replenishment of emergency supplies through their annual budgets, but most school districts in Contra Costa County fund them through parent or community donations.

Response to Finding #5:

Per the Grand Jury Report No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Finding #6:

Contra Costa County school districts can apply for federal, state, corporate or non-profit organization grants to help pay the cost of acquiring and maintaining school emergency supplies.

Response to Finding #6:

Per the Grand Jury Report No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Finding #7:

Each Contra Costa County school district has either a designated safety/ resource officer or a school administrator who fills the safety/ resource officer role.



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Response to Finding #7:

Per the Grand Jury Report No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Finding #8:

There is no legal requirement that teachers renew CPR and First Aid certification training after teachers initially obtain their teaching credential.

Response to Finding #8:

Per the Grand Jury Report No 2008, the BUSD agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

Recommendation #1:

Each Contra Costa County school district board should consider adopting the Contra Costa County Office of Education Emergency Supplies list (minimum standard list) for its schools and identifying funding sources to purchase the supplies, by December 31, 2020.

Response to Recommendation #1:

This recommendation has not yet been fully implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The list requires further analysis and updating of supplies. All BUSD sites will be updated by December 31st, 2020

Recommendation #3:

The Contra Costa County school district boards should consider applying for federal, state, corporate, and non-profit organization grants to fund the acquisition of school emergency supplies, by June 30, 2021.

Response to Recommendation #3:

This recommendation requires further analysis. Generally, each school sites have supplies and are supported by local grants and nonprofits, including parent organizations. Further analysis of state and federal grants to support this endeavor will need to be explored.



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Recommendation #4:

Each Contra Costa County school district board should consider developing a plan to identify organizations that provide CPR and First Aid certification refresher training for all district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

Response to Recommendation #4:

This recommendation requires further analysis. We conduct CPR and first aid training annually. In light of COVID-19, those efforts have been put on hold, but will be implemented once we return to school.

Recommendation #5:

Each Contra Costa County school district board should consider developing a plan to identify funding, if necessary, to provide CPR and First Aid certification refresher training for district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

Response to Recommendation #5:

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future. Analysis of other funding sources to support this work will be explored. This will be completed by June 2021.

This completes the District's response.

Sincerely,

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