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Contra Costa County Grand Jury

Attn: Foreperson

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RE: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 2008

Dear Foreperson Granlund:

**In response to your letter dated June 9, 2020, the Governing Board of the Oakley Union Elementary School District provides this response to the findings and recommendations in the Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2008 - Do Our Public Schools Have Adequate Emergency Supplies?**

### **Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Findings:**

#### **Finding #1:**

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

#### **Response to Finding #1:**

OUESD 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:**

OUESD 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.

**Response to Finding #3:**

OUESD 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:**

OUESD agrees with the finding.

**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:**

OUESD 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:**

OUESD 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.

**Response to Finding #7:**

OUESD 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:**

OUESD agrees with the finding.

**Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury 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 during the first half of the school year. The list requires further analysis and updating of supplies. All OUESD sites will be updated by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. Although federal, state, corporate and non-profit organizational grant funding would be beneficial OUESD currently utilizes site specific PTA's and PTSA's to provide school emergency supplies. During the 2020-2021 school year, OUESD will look at other potential funding grants that we have not been utilizing.

**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 district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

**Response to Recommendation #4:**

OUESD currently utilizes our District Nurse to generate and update the list of organizations that can perform the necessary CPR and First Aid refresher trainings for staff. We will continue to expand the availability of this process in the 2020-2021 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 been implemented; however, as we continue to expand the availability of CPR and First Aid refresher trainings we will concurrently, in partnership with the Oakley Police Department and the Contra Costa Fire Protection District, search for potential grant funding sources during the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent