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Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA  92701

Dear Judge Wieben Stock,

I have received a copy of the Orange County Grand Jury Report, “Orange County Schools Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen?” In accordance with the California Penal Code section 933 and 933.05, below you will find the Fullerton School District’s response to the findings and recommendations listed in the Orange County Grand Jury Report:

Finding F-1 – Fullerton School District does not completely agree with the statement. Many of our Orange County School Districts have focused on preparing their Districts and school sites for emergency preparedness. In order to remain in compliance with the law and ensure the safety of all students and staff, the Fullerton School District assesses our plan and makes revisions where needed to prepare the District and its school sites in the area of emergency response and preparedness.

As the new Superintendent of Fullerton School District and new member to the Orange County School Districts, I have been made aware of the Fullerton School District’s Emergency Response Plan and the priorities of the Fullerton School District Emergency Preparedness Committee. Our plan is in compliance with SEMS and the committee is currently revising the plan to include the appropriate protocol for any emergency situation. We have purchased Command Center Kits for all school sites and our EOC, as well as a Classroom Emergency Lockdown Kit for every classroom within the Fullerton School District. As a K-8 District, we will continue to reassess our emergency preparedness to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Recommendation R – 1 – Fullerton School District will make sure that the District Office and its school sites continue to have a SEMS equivalent plan and will submit that plan to the Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools for review. Recommendation R-1 (2) has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by October of each school year.

If you need anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Mitch Hovy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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