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

RE: Orange County School Disaster Plans Report

Honorable Judge Nancy Wieben Stock:

We have received and reviewed the Grand Jury’s findings and report based on the review of our district and selected school site emergency response plans.

Per subdivision (b) of section 933 of the Education Code we agree with your findings for the site graded BE-Below Expected (South Lake Middle School) the following recommendations have been implemented:

- A hazard assessment has been completed
- The organization job duty assignments are now NIMS/SEMS compliant
- Each position has an alternate staff member assigned
- A checklist of expected job duties of each position has now been included
- An emergency contact procedure has been implemented
- The drill schedule has been included and will be based on the multi-hazard plan
- A buddy system for the teaching staff has been implemented

Per subdivision (b) of section 933 of the Education Code we agree with the findings for the sites graded E-Expected (District Office and Woodbridge High School). Although an E is considered acceptable we will continue to work to improve our plans for not only those sites but all other sites not graded by your survey. As Emergency Preparedness is an ongoing process this work will be done on a continuous basis throughout the future.

Per subdivision (b) of section 933 of the Education Code we also agree with the finding for the site graded AE-Above Expected (Westpark Elementary School). Since Emergency Preparedness is an evolving process we will continue to uphold the expected standard of good practices for this site by ongoing drills and revisions for any noted gaps.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gwen Gross, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Irvine Unified School District

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