

August 15, 2007

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

**RE: Orange County School Disaster Plans**

Dear Honorable Judge Nancy Wieben Stock:

As a follow-up to Tustin Unified School District's response letter dated July 12, 2007, and a phone call from the Orange County Grand Jury on August 15, 2007, regarding the Finding F-1 and Recommendation R-1, Tustin Unified School District is submitting the following information for clarification.

*Finding F-1*

The overall-all quality of the 28 Orange County Districts and their individual school's emergency preparedness plans are in need of improvement.

*Required Response:*

Tustin Unified School District agrees with the finding.

*Recommendation R-1:*

"Orange County school districts should make sure that they and their individual schools have a SEMS equivalent plan, and these should be submitted to the Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools for review."

*Required Response:*

Per Section 933.05 Responses to Findings, "the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:"

1. The respondent agrees with the finding.
2. The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding that is disputed and shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefore.

Response to Finding F-1 and Recommendation R-1:

The respondent disagrees partially with the finding based on the following:

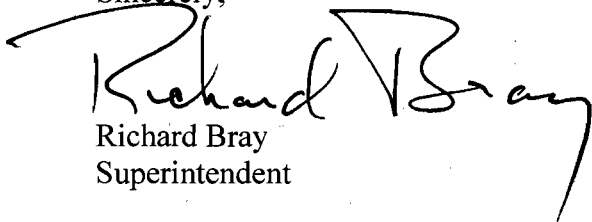
- All TUSD district and school Disaster Plans are based on SEMS and ICS principles.
- Administrators annually receive training on required school disaster plans.
- All TUSD district and school Disaster Plans are updated annually, reviewed by the District and required to provide verification of implementation starting in the fall and extending through the end of the year.
- All TUSD schools conduct disaster drills on a regular and consistent basis as evidenced by the Site Safety Report.
- TUSD consistently participates in county-wide drills and OA Radio checks.
- TUSD participates in multi-agency coordination and has established ongoing interactions with local jurisdictions including law enforcement, fire authority and city governments.

Part (b)

The Recommendation R-1 has not been fully implemented with all schools but will be implemented in the future with a timeframe for implementation in the following manner:

- By October 1, 2007, all TUSD schools will complete a review of their present Disaster Plans to improve the overall scope and quality and to ensure that all SEMS requirements are met.
- By October 1, 2007, all schools will identify the individuals assigned to each of the SEMS/ICS positions to ensure effective implementation of duties and responsibilities.
- By October 1, 2007, the District will have a districtwide Radio Net operational with the ability to communicate with all District schools by radio. Training of all administrators and other key staff will be accomplished no later than October 1, 2007.
- By October 1, 2007, all administrators will receive additional training on the federal National Incident Management System (NIMS) as well as required California school disaster plans.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Bray  
Superintendent