



November 1, 2018

The Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury Report
Safer Schools - What Can We Do?
Follow-Up Response of Newport-Mesa Unified School District

To the Honorable Charles Margines:

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, the Orange County Grand Jury has requested that Newport-Mesa Unified School District respond to findings and recommendations in the 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled: "*Safer Schools – What Can We Do?*" N-MUSD responded to all findings and recommendations on July 27, 2018 and reported implementation was in progress on three items and further analysis was needed on three other items. Below is the follow-up response to each of these items:

RECOMMENDATIONS

R.3. School districts should implement procedures to ensure that all campuses maintain a complete, daily log (electronic or manual) of every visitor and volunteer entering and exiting the campus, excluding program events such as awards ceremonies or stage or musical productions. (F.4.)

Response to R.3.: The recommendation has been implemented.

R.4. School districts should implement procedures to ensure that photo identification is required of all campus visitors and volunteers before a visitor's badge is issued. (F.4, F.5.)

Response to R.4.: The recommendation has been implemented.

R.6. All school districts with middle or high school campuses should consider using student ID cards in a format to be worn as student ID badges while on campus. (F.6.)

Response to R.6.: Students are currently issued ID cards annually and required to be in possession of their ID at all times while on campus. The recommendation to require students to

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wear ID cards as a visible ID is not feasible for large student populations and will not be implemented at this time.

R.7. School districts should evaluate available communication devices and ensure that custodial and supervisory personnel, as well as safety resource officers, playground supervisors and coaches, have two-way radios or equivalent communication devices with them at all times, enabling instant two-way communication with the office. (F.7.)

Response to R.7.: The recommendation has been implemented.

R.8. School districts should consider requiring that all campus incidents of unauthorized access be recorded, tracked, and reported to the district office on a quarterly basis. All districts should share these reports with the Orange County Department of Education. (F.8.)

Response to R.8.: After further analysis it was determined that any significant incident of unauthorized access is reported to the school resource officer or local law enforcement and the district office. A standard reporting process and log has been created to maintain records at the district level. This part of the recommendation has been implemented. N-MUSD would comply with a standardized reporting system to the county for incidents of unauthorized access if required.

R.9. School districts should evaluate requiring each school to perform a school security assessment to evaluate their current school safety plan. (F.9)

Response to R.9.: After further analysis it was determined that this recommendation has been implemented. Specifically, several assessment and planning tools are used in the annual revision and review of school safety plans including collaboration with local law enforcement.

Sincerely,



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