

Saddleback Valley Unified School District  
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August 11, 2023

Orange County Grand Jury  
 700 Civic Center Drive West  
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

Please see below for the responses to each required Finding (2,7,8, 9, and 10) as requested in the Orange County Grand Jury report and attached cover letter dated June 14, 2023.

<b>F #</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Agree/ Disagree</b>	<b>Response And Explanation (if Required)</b>
<b>F2</b>	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	Agree	
<b>F7</b>	Orange County will benefit by establishing a chartered multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County.	Agree	
<b>F8</b>	As long as there is a demand, producers will find ways to supply drugs. Orange County cannot law enforce its way out of the fentanyl crisis. Education, prevention, and treatment are critical to reducing demand.	Agree	
<b>F9</b>	There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgement of the risks of illicit fentanyl.	Agree	
<b>F10</b>	Some educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.	Agree	The respondent agrees with the finding. While the Grand Jury has determined that "some" educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs, the Orange County Department of Education and other districts are, in fact, participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.

Please see below for the responses to each required Recommendation (1, 5, and 6) as requested in the Orange County Grand Jury report and attached cover letter dated June 14, 2023.

R #	Recommendation	Implementation	Response And Explanation (if Required)
R1	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Board of Supervisors should charter a multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented as it is directed to the Orange County Board of Supervisors and has a January 1, 2024 date for implementation. Saddleback Valley Unified School District would participate in the "multi-agency Task Force" if invited.
R5	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Department of Education should develop a model fentanyl/opioid educational program to be offered to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.	Recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. Specifically, the Orange County Department of Education is developing a health education program to address opioid and fentanyl use among students. The program will include lesson plans, family engagement resources, substance use treatment information, and guidelines for implementation. This program will be shared with all K-12 school districts in Orange County by January 1, 2024. SVUSD will review model education programs provided by OCDE and implement offered programs as appropriate.
R6	By October 1, 2023, the Orange County Department of Education should promote the use of currently established and in-place fentanyl and drug-related educational programs offered by OC agencies such as Health Care Agency, OC Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.	Recommendation has been implemented.	The Orange County Department of Education currently supports and promotes existing health education services provided by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Health Care Agency, and other County-funded programs. Information about these services is made available through a variety of professional networks administered by the OCDE, as well as through focused collaborative events. OCDE staff also provide individual referrals to available services when responding to school and district staff inquiries. SVUSD has partnered with Orange County Healthcare Agency and the OC Sheriff's to provide a Parent Night to the community regarding the dangers of Fentanyl. The Above the Influence program presented by the OC Sheriff's has also been made available to elementary schools in SVUSD.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Stanfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

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