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August 18, 2023

To: Honorable Maria D. Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Superior Court of Orange County
Central Justice Center
700 Civic Center Drive West, Department C01
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Board of Trustees
Magnolia School District

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report: *Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County*

The Orange County Grand Jury published a report June 21, 2023 titled, *Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County*. Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05 requires the Magnolia School District to provide a written response to the Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court. The Magnolia School District's written response to the findings and recommendations are detailed on the following pages.

Findings

Finding 2: Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.

Response: The Magnolia School District agrees with the finding.

Finding 7: Orange County will benefit by establishing a chartered multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County.

Response: The Magnolia School District agrees with the finding.

Finding 8: 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.

Response: The Magnolia School District agrees with the finding.

Finding 9: There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgement of the risks of illicit fentanyl.

Response: The Magnolia School District agrees with the finding.

Finding 10: Some educational institutions are not participating in available educational and prevention fentanyl/drug programs.

Response: The Magnolia School District agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Board of Supervisors should charter a multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis. (F2, F7, F8, F9)

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but when the Orange County Board of Supervisors creates the Task Force, Magnolia School District will participate as appropriate.

Recommendation 5: By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Department of Education should develop a model fentanyl/opioid prevention educational program to be offered to all K-12 school districts in Orange County. (F2, F8, F9, F10)

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but when the Orange County Department of Education provides a model program the Magnolia School District will implement the program as appropriate.

Recommendation 6: 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 program offered by OC agencies such as Health Care Agency, OC Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school district in Orange County. (F2, F8, F9, F10)

Response: The Magnolia School District requires further analysis of this recommendation. The District will review or study established fentanyl and drug related educational programs and determine what, if any, is appropriate for our Transitional Kindergarten through sixth grade students. The District will also plan how an appropriate program is most effectively implemented with students and their parents. The Superintendent or designee will determine what materials are appropriate and the implementation plan based on the analysis/study conducted by the Educational Services Department and Student Services Department. The study will be completed by December 1, 2023.

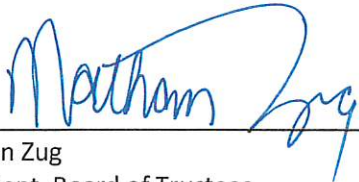
Please accept the information provided herein as the Magnolia School District's responses to the Orange County Grand Jury's Factual Findings and Recommendation in the Report. Once again, we appreciate the time and attention that the Grand Jury devoted to this very important issue.

Sincerely,



District Superintendent

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Nathan Zug
President, Board of Trustees

8-17-23

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Frank Donovan, Ed.D., Secretary
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Date