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 CHRISTOPHER BROWN ED.D.

August 17, 2023

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

RE: 2022-2023 Orange County Grand Jury Report  
*Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County*  
 Response of Capistrano Unified School District

To the Honorable Maria Hernandez:

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 dated June 14, 2023.

F #	Finding	Agree/ Disagree	Response And Explanation (if Required)
F2	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	Agree. T... ▾	Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD) agrees that illicit fentanyl poses a pervasive problem in Orange County. CUSD recognizes the severity of this issue and acknowledges the importance of addressing the fentanyl crisis in our schools. Staff are actively seeking opportunities to enhance current training programs to equip staff and students with the necessary knowledge and resources to address this pressing concern effectively. The

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			safety and well-being of the school community remains a top priority, and staff are committed to taking proactive measures in combating the illicit fentanyl problem.
<b>F7</b>	Orange County will benefit by establishing a chartered multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County.	Agree. T... ▾	CUSD agrees that establishing a chartered multi-agency Task Force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County will be beneficial. CUSD recognizes the significance of collaborative efforts in tackling this pressing issue. Staff members are committed to continuing our work with community partners to actively address the fentanyl crisis and ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff.
<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. T... ▾	CUSD agrees with the statement that addressing the fentanyl crisis requires more than just law enforcement efforts. The District acknowledges the importance of education, prevention, and treatment in reducing the demand for drugs. As part of staff's commitment to student well-being and safety, the District will continue to enhance prevention education programs to build capacity and effectively address the fentanyl crisis.
<b>F9</b>	There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgement of the risks of illicit fentanyl.	Agree. T... ▾	CUSD is in full agreement with the need to increase public awareness and acknowledgment of the risks associated with illicit fentanyl. Staff recognizes the significance of educating the community about this dangerous drug to prevent further abuse. As part of ongoing efforts to prioritize student safety and well-being, staff will continue to actively raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl within our community.
<b>F10</b>	Some educational institutions are not	Disagree ... ▾	CUSD is in disagreement as it relates

	participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.		to our institution. CUSD has bolstered existing preventative drug programs to incorporate education about illicit fentanyl. Furthermore, all District schools are equipped with Naloxone, an FDA-approved medication designed to swiftly reverse opioid overdoses. Key staff members at each campus have received training in administering this medication in the event of an overdose incident. This proactive approach aims to prioritize the safety and well-being of all students and staff and addresses potential drug-related emergencies effectively.
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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.

<b>R #</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Response And Explanation (if Required)</b>
<b>R1</b>	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... ▾	Once this multi-agency task force has been implemented, CUSD will actively participate as an agency member to address the fentanyl crisis
<b>R5</b>	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... ▾	Once this educational program is developed and offered to districts, CUSD will participate and provide this education to our students.
<b>R6</b>	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	Recommendation has not... ▾	CUSD acknowledges and supports the recommendation to promote currently established fentanyl and drug-related educational programs offered by various OC agencies to all

	Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.		K-12 school districts in OC. The District will align with the Orange County Department of Education and actively work to promote these valuable programs within the district. Ensuring the safety and well-being of students is a top priority, and these educational initiatives are essential in addressing drug-related concerns effectively.
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent

cc: Orange County Grand Jury  
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