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September 18, 2023

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

Re: La Habra City School District's Response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report: "Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County"

Dear Judge Hernandez:

The La Habra City School District (District) provides this letter in response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Russian Roulette: Fentanyl in Orange County." The District is committed to serving all students and recognizes that there are unique challenges the fentanyl crisis has in our community. The District appreciates the opportunity to review and respond to the report and for the feedback and subsequent insight provided and gained as a result of the investigation conducted by the grand jury.

Please see below for the responses to each required finding as approved by the Board of Education on September 14, 2023.

F #	Finding	Agree/ Disagree	Response And Explanation (if required)
F2	Illicit fentanyl is a pervasive problem in Orange County.	The District agrees with the finding.	
F7	Orange County will benefit by establishing a chartered multi-agency task force to address the fentanyl crisis in Orange County.	The District agrees with the finding.	
F8	As long as there is a demand, producers will find ways to supply drugs. Orange County cannot law enforce its way out of the	The District agrees with the finding.	

	fentanyl crisis. Education, prevention, and treatment are critical to reducing demand.		
F9	There is a need to increase public awareness and acknowledgement of the risks of illicit fentanyl.	The District agrees with the finding.	
F10	Some educational institutions are not participating in available educational and preventive fentanyl/drug programs.	The District partially disagrees with the finding.	The La Habra City School District has provided a number of educational and preventative fentanyl/drug programs. All junior high school aged students were provided with a fentanyl education and prevention assembly. As part of Red Ribbon week, we provide students with lessons on substance recognition and avoidance, including fentanyl. Additionally, the District supplies Narcan in the school offices at all 9 of our schools with staff trained to administer it anytime students are on campus.

Please see below for the responses to each required recommendation as requested in the Orange County Grand Jury Report.

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.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future with a timeframe for implementation.	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the timeline they establish for this multi-agency task force. However, once established, the District is willing and able to participate in the multi-agency task force.
R5	By January 1, 2024, the Orange County Department of Education should develop a model fentanyl/opioid prevention educational program to be	The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future with a timeframe for implementation.	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange County Department of Education and the timeline they establish for the model fentanyl/opioid prevention

	offered to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.		program. Once offered, the District is willing and able to review the prevention program for implementation.
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, Sheriff's Department, and non-governmental organizations to all K-12 school districts in Orange County.	The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future with a timeframe for implementation.	The implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon the Orange County Department of Education and the promotion of currently established programs. Once offered, the District is willing and able to partner with the established programs if available and appropriate.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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