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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: School Implementation of Sex-Education Programs

Report Date: November 4, 2019

Response by: Dr. Ana DeGenna Title: Assistant Superintendent Education Services

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered: R-01, R-02, R-03, R-04, R-05, R-06, & R-07
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings / Conclusions numbered:

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings / Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- Recommendations number R-01, R-02, R-04, R-05 <sup>R-06</sup> have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a time frame for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R-03 require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered R-07 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: November 4, 2019

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Number of pages attached: 4



# OXNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Sex Education Programs

### Oxnard School District

#### Grand Jury Recommendation Timeline

##### R-01

January/February 2020- Initial notification to parents, notification will include:

- Information regarding Legislation and content of instruction
- Information regarding curriculum to be used and opportunity to view curriculum
- Information regarding opportunity to opt students out from part or all of the curriculum on sex-health education or surveys on sexual behavior

February 2020 – Notification and opt out letter to families

February 2020 – Open opportunities for families to view curriculum

April 13, 2020 – Opt out letters returned to schools

April 14, 2020 – Instruction on Sex Education Programs

##### R-02

The Notification and Opt-Out letter provided to parents will state “no academic penalty will attach as a result of a parent or guardian excluding a child from sexual-education classes or surveys of sexual behavior” (See supporting document 1 and 2).

##### R-03

The Notification and Opt-Out letter provided to parents will explain that an alternative educational curriculum will be provided to students opting-out of sexual-education classes. The instruction and materials will provide pupils with knowledge and skills for making and implementing healthy decisions including negotiation and refusal skills. The details of the curriculum will be included in the information letter. At this time, Oxnard School District is exploring alternative curriculums provided by neighboring districts.

##### R-04

The attached Opt-Out Notice (supporting document 1) provides a more detailed description of the units of study in the sexual-education curriculum. The information lists the content from each unit/chapter within the Positive Prevention Plus curriculum.

##### R-05 and R-06

The school district will facilitate the Opt-Out process by including a single form that can be signed and returned to the school indicating that a parent or guardian may Opt-out of all or part of the sexual-education curriculum (see supporting document 1 and 2).

##### R-07

The Notification and Opt-Out letter will include a more complete description of any surveys to be taken concerning sexual behavior of students. At this time, no surveys are administered in Oxnard School District.



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## Initial Notification

### California Healthy Youth Act (Sex and HIV/AIDS Education)

EC 51930-51939; OSD BP 6142.1; OSD AR 6142.1

The California Healthy Youth Act requires school districts to provide pupils with integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. It is intended to ensure that pupils in grades 7-12 are provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to: 1) protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, and unintended pregnancy; 2) develop health attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family; and 3) have health, positive and safe relationships and behaviors. It also promotes understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development.

Parents or legal guardians have the right to:

1. Inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in the comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education.
2. Request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education.
  - a. Request in writing to Opt-Out their pupil from all or part of the sexual-education classes or surveys.
  - b. No academic penalty shall attach as a result of a parent or guardian excluding a pupil from sexual education classes or surveys of sexual behavior.
  - c. Pupils who have been Opted-Out by their parent or guardian will be provided alternate instruction and materials that provide pupils with knowledge and skills for making and implementing healthy decisions including negotiation and refusal skills.
3. Request a copy of Education Codes 51930 through 51939, the California Healthy Youth Act.
4. Be informed whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants.
5. Receive notice by mail or another commonly used method of notification no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered if arrangements for the instruction are made after the beginning of the school year.
6. When the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, be informed of:
  - a. The date of the instruction
  - b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker



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**Parent Notification: Opt-Out  
Sexual Education Instruction and Survey Form**

**February 1, 2020**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Oxnard School District offers a unit of study on Sexual Health for 7<sup>th</sup> graders taught by 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers. This course topic addresses many of the health issues students' face or will face, in their lifetime.

The Sexual Health unit is guided by several state laws, which mandate that certain subjects need to be addressed. Topics addressed during this unit include:

- Sexual Development- female and male sexual development, gender roles, expression, identity and orientation
- Exploring Friendships- Liking vs. Loving
- Relationship Abuse- Bullying, relationship abuse, protecting yourself, consent, unlawful sex with a minor, sex trafficking, sexting, internet safety
- Preventing an Unplanned Pregnancy-family planning, contraception and community health services, abstinence
- Teen Pregnancy: Choices and Responsibilities-teen pregnancy, facing an unplanned pregnancy, prenatal care, parenting, safe surrender law, adoption, abortion, decision-making
- Myths and Stereotypes About HIV Infection- Persons infected or affected by HIV/AIDS
- The HIV/AIDS Epidemic
- Preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)-overview of STI, STI testing
- Recognizing and Reducing Risks-Universal precautions, latex condoms, sexual abstinence
- Media and Peer Pressure-assertiveness skills and practice
- HIV/STI Testing and Community Resources-HIV/STI testing and community resources
- Goal Setting-path to personal goals, setting goals for the future

Comprehensive Sexual Health Education is required by Education Code 51930-51939. A copy of Education Code 51930-51939 is available upon parent or guardian request. The Oxnard School District will be using **Positive Prevention PLUS** materials for this unit, which will begin on April 13, 2020.

It is required that parents or guardians be notified prior to instruction. All written or audiovisual materials to be used in this instruction will be available for inspection by parent or guardian. We invite you to review these class materials on February 27, 2020 in the Oxnard School District Board Room between 6:30-7:30 PM. District administration will be on hand to answer any questions.

You may opt-out of your child's participation in the Sexual Health unit described above. No academic penalty will attach as a result of a parent or guardian excluding a child from sexual-education classes or surveys of sexual behavior.

You **must** contact your child's school site in writing or fill out the form below and return it to your child's school office before the unit begins on April 13, 2020. An alternative educational unit will be provided to any student whose parents or guardians request that they not participate in the Sexual Health instruction.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Ginger Shea**  
Manager Special Program and Services



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**This form must be returned by April 13, 2020**

- I request that my child opt-out of one of the components listed below (circle all that apply)
- Sexual Development
  - Exploring Friendships
  - Relationship Abuse
  - Preventing an Unplanned Pregnancy
  - Teen Pregnancy: Choices and Responsibilities
  - Myths and Stereotypes About HIV Infection
  - The HIV/AIDS Epidemic
  - Preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections
  - Recognizing and Reducing Risks
  - Media and Peer Pressure
  - HIV/STI Testing and Community Resources
  - Goal Setting
- I request that my child Opt Out and not participate in the Sexual Health unit that will be presented at my child's school beginning on April 13, 2020.

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**Child's Name**

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**School**

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**Parent or Guardian Signature**

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**Date**