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June 14, 2012

The Honorable Vincent O'Neill, Jr.  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Ave  
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Grand Jury Report Dated June 7, 2012 Concerning Earthquake Safety in the Classroom

This letter provides the required response to the 2011-2012 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury, Final Report on Earthquake Safety in the Classroom dated June 7, 2012. I have included the District's response as required to each of the Findings and Recommendations contained in the report.

Ocean View School District (OVSD) agrees with the Grand Jury's finding that Ocean View School District is compliant with all earthquake safety requirements. Ocean View also agrees with recommendations R-01, R-02 and R-04 to review and update our Comprehensive School Safety Plans, conduct safety drills and inspections on a regular basis, and maintain emergency supplies and equipment.

If you have any questions regarding the information presented in this response, please contact me at 805-986-6702 or [chelmstedter@oceanviewsd.org](mailto:chelmstedter@oceanviewsd.org).

Sincerely,

Craig W. Helmstedter, Ed.D.,  
Superintendent

cc: Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury  
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Ventura, CA 93009

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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: *Earthquake Safety in the Classroom*

Report Date: *June 7, 2012*

Response by: *Craig W. Helmstedter, Ed.D. Title: Superintendent*

FINDINGS

▪ I (we) agree with the findings numbered: *FI-01, FI-04, and FI-05*

▪ I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: *FI-02 and FI-03*

*(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)*

RECOMMENDATIONS

▪ Recommendations numbered *R-01, R-02 and R-04* have been implemented.

*(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)*

▪ Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

*(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*

▪ Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.

*(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)*

▪ Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

*(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: *June 14, 2012* Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Paul H. Chatman, Board President

Number of pages attached: *1*

**Response to Grand Jury Report  
Statements to Findings and Recommendations  
Earthquake Safety in the Classroom**

**FI-02 Each EDP requires “duck and cover” drills be conducted each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once a semester in secondary schools. All schools are in compliance with this requirement, except Rio Elementary School District and Santa Paula Elementary School District. (FA-04 and FA-24)**

OVSD agrees in part with this Finding. Ocean View agrees that drills must be conducted as noted and that Ocean View is in compliance with these requirements. Ocean View has no authority or knowledge to determine if Rio and Santa Paula Elementary School Districts are in compliance.

**FI-03 Emergency provisions such as food, water, communications and medical supplies are recommended for all schools. Ojai Unified School District, Santa Clara Elementary School District, and Rio Elementary School District are not in full compliance with this recommendation. (FA-04, FA-24, FA-27)**

OVSD agrees in part with this Finding. Ocean View agrees that emergency provisions are recommended and that Ocean View is in compliance with these recommendations. Ocean View has no authority or knowledge to determine if Ojai Unified, Santa Clara Elementary or Rio School Districts are in compliance with recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**R-01 School districts and the VCOE should continue to review and update their CSSP and EDP annually, as required by the California Education Code (FI-01).**

Ocean View follows the legal requirements in Education Code.

**R-02 School districts should continue to conduct safety drills and safety inspections on a regular basis.**

Ocean View implements safety drills and inspections as required by law and our insurance JPA, the VCSSFA.

**R-04 Ojai Unified, Santa Clara Elementary, and Rio Elementary School Districts should purchase and maintain sufficient food, water, communication equipment and medical provisions as required. All other district should continue to maintain their emergency supplies and equipment.**

Ocean View maintains emergency supplies and equipment. Ocean View has no authority over Ojai Unified, Santa Clara Elementary, and/or Rio Elementary School Districts.