



Ojai Unified School District

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August 15, 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 Earthquake Safety in the Classroom

Dear Judge O'Neill:

On June 1, 2012, the Ventura County Grand Jury provided the Ojai Unified School District (OUSD) with a copy of their report entitled, "Earthquake Safety in the Classroom," dated June 7, 2012. This report found that schools operated by Ojai Unified School District complied with having a safety and disaster plan, conducted and monitored required emergency drills, and inspected school facilities on a regular basis. However, the District did not meet the recommended basic emergency provisions and supplies. The Grand Jury recommended that OUSD continue to comply with the required emergency plans, drills and facility inspections. In addition, the Grand Jury recommends OUSD purchase and maintain sufficient food, water, communication equipment and medical provisions.

The Ojai Unified School District has reviewed the Grand Jury report and submits its response on the attached specified form as required by your letter from Mr. David H. Gale, Foreman, dated May 31, 2012.

In summary, the Ojai Unified School District agrees with the Grand Jury's finding and recommendations. The District will continue to comply with the required safety plans and emergency drills. In addition, the District will research into purchasing basic emergency supplies including food and water for at least three days for each person.

If you have any questions regarding the information presented in this response, please contact Ms. Dannielle Pusatere, Assistant Superintendent, at 805-640-4300 x1015 or dpusatere@ojaiusd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry S. Bangser".

Henry S. Bangser
Superintendent

C: David H. Gale, Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
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: Hank Bangser

Title: Superintendent

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-01 – FI-05 as they relate to Ojai Unified School District (see statement attached)
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: n/a
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-01 and R-02 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R-04 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered n/a 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 n/a will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: August 15, 2012

Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 1

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Recommendations that have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

R-04 Ojai Unified School District should purchase and maintain sufficient food, water, communication equipment and medical provisions as required.

Please note the Grand Jury Report Facts #27 state the emergency organizations suggest that basic emergency supplies should include water and food for at least three days for each person.

The District recognizes that all district staff and students should be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies and disasters. The District will research into purchasing basic emergency supplies including food, water and medical provisions. In addition, the District is already in the process of reviewing communication equipment due to the change in the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) license requirement.