



Ojai Unified School District

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VENTURA COUNTY
GRAND JURY

June 19, 2013

Honorable Brian J. Brack
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Grand Jury Report Dated May 10, 2013 "School Security"

Dear Judge Brack:

The District complies with the applicable sections of the Education Code that require comprehensive school safety plan and related drills. When developing the comprehensive school safety plan, the school site council will consult with local law enforcement to assess procedures, training, communication, and facilities. In addition, the plan will take into account the school's staffing, available resources, and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

As a response to the Connecticut incident, the District met with local law enforcement to conduct site assessments and safety strategies for our schools. In addition to their police assessments, the department included detailed school maps in their vehicles, assigned officer school visits and instituted report filings and conversation to be conducted on our sites/parking lots as a sign of more police presence on our campuses.

The District recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The District is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

In summary, we appreciate the Grand Jury's effort to assist us in recognizing potential areas of recommendations for school safety. The District is committed to review and implement viable options to provide a safe and secure educational environment for students, staff, parents and visitors while on our premises.

Administration

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, 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", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Henry S. Bangser
Superintendent

✓ C: Jay Whitney, Foreperson, Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Ojai Unified School District, Board of Education

OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2013

FOR: Action

TITLE: Response to Ventura County 2012-13 Grand Jury Report: *School Security*

EXHIBIT: Response to Ventura County 2012-13 Grand Jury Report: *School Security*

Grand Jury Final Report of School Security of May 10, 2013, under separate cover

EXPLANATION:

On May 10, 2013, the Ventura County Grand Jury presented its recommendations to the Ojai Unified School District concerning School Security. The Board is asked to approve the administration's response to the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve response to the Ventura County 2012-13 Grand Jury Report, *School Security*.

Motion by: Rikki Horne Second by: Kathi Smith Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0