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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Charter School Implementation of State Mandated Sex Education - AB 329
Report Date: April 2, 2020
Response by: Charmon Evans Title: Executive Director

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the Facts / Conclusions numbered: C-03
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Facts / Conclusions numbered: C-01 C-02
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Facts / Conclusions that are disputed; including an explanation of the reasons.)

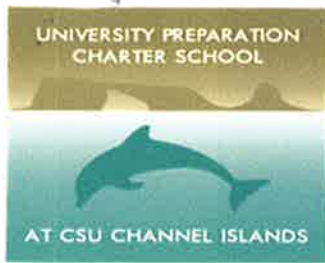
RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Date: 6-26-2020

Signed: 

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June 26, 2020

RE: Grand Jury Final Report: Charter School Implementation of State Mandated Sex Education – AB 329

Findings/Conclusions:

I (we) agree with the Facts/Conclusions numbered:

C-03 – I am assuming the 1 school is us as we do send home a separate letter besides the annual notification

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Facts/Conclusions numbered:

C-01 – We are unclear of how we have NOT fully implemented the requirements as given in statute.

C-02 - We provided, in our responses to the Grand Jury, that our families receive not only an annual notification, but they also receive a letter before instruction of the Sex Education curriculum inviting them to come and preview the materials, in person, and the opportunity to again opt out.

Recommendations:

Recommendations below have been implemented:

R-01 – We meet this in that AB 329 does not require the board to approve a separate policy on Sex Education, but in the adoption of our Student Handbook, the board approves the Annual Parent Notification in regards to Sex Education.

R-02 – We meet this with our current practices through our annual notification and the letter sent out two weeks before the classroom instruction.

R-03 – We meet this with our current practices through our annual notification and the letter sent out two weeks before the classroom instruction.

R-04 – We meet this in that we invite parents, two weeks before the instruction takes place, to attend a parent education night where they can preview all the materials and surveys.

R-05 – We meet this with our current practices through our annual notification and the letter sent out two weeks before the classroom instruction.

R-07 – We meet this with our current practices through our annual notification and the letter sent out two weeks before the classroom instruction.

Recommendations below require further analysis:

R-06 – I will be further investigating the AB 329 to find where this recommendation is implied. I am not seeing that the “negotiation and refusal skills to assist pupils in overcoming peer pressure and using effective decision making skills to avoid high-risk activities.” is to be a part of the “alternative educational activity.” In Sec.15 (c) it simply states “all alternative educational activity shall be made available to pupils whose parents or guardians have requested that they not receive the instruction or participate in the test, questionnaire, or survey.” I do not see where it is implied or mandated that students still receive ANY of the instruction included in AB 329 if a parent decides to opt-out.