

Item # 3.10 Handout
7/25/17 YCBE Reg Mtg.

RESPONSE PROCEDURE

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

The governance of responses to the Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code §933 and §933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days, governing bodies (for example, the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Advising Judge and the Grand Jury Foreperson.

Report Title: Yolo County/School safety plans Report Date: June 30, 2017

Response by: Jesse Ortiz, Ed.D. Title: Superintendent

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

F1 & F11, per response from Winters JUSD dated July 20, 2017 (attached)

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: _____
have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

Recommendations numbered: _____
require further analysis (attach an explanation of the analysis or study, and the time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury Report).

Recommendations numbered: R8 and R9, specifically related to YCOE; please see attached
will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

Date: July 27, 2017 Signed: _____

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YOLO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS: Response to Grand Jury Report, "Are Yolo County Schools in Compliance with School Safety Plans?"

FINDINGS: F1 and F11

F1 With the exception of Winters Joint Unified School District, all Districts are in compliance with the yearly update and reporting per the Education Code Requirements for Comprehensive School Safety Plans.

RESPONSE

The Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) engages in partnerships, support and technical assistance with, and on behalf of schools and school districts in Yolo County, including school safety plans. However, each district is responsible for developing and implementing its own process for ensuring compliance with California Education Code as it relates to school safety plans.

It is outside of YCOE's jurisdiction to require any school district in the county to comply with Education Code requirements for comprehensive school safety plans.

F11 The use of the Winters Public Library by students and the general public during school hours without established safety procedures at that facility is of concern to the Grand Jury.

RESPONSE: It is outside of YCOE's jurisdiction to require Winters Joint Unified School District to implement safety procedures. However, YCOE will support the school district in addressing any findings, including F11, at the district's request.

RECOMMENDATIONS: R8 and R9

R8 By October 1, 2017, Yolo County Districts should consider networking with each other on a regular basis to discuss and share ideas on the most effective ways to construct, initiate and utilize school safety plans.

RESPONSE: YCOE's staff meets five times per year with Directors of Student Services or their designee from each district. The person filling the role of Director of Students Services is responsible for school safety planning in most districts.

The first meeting with Directors of Student Services for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. The Grand Jury report, "Are Yolo County schools in Compliance with School Safety Plans?", will be an agenda item at the meeting and will include a request that each school district report on its progress implementing any recommendations identified in the in the Grand Jury report and sharing ideas on the most effective ways to construct, initiate and utilize school safety plans. Going forward, school safety plans will be an annual agenda item at these meetings.

R9 By October 1, 2017, modify, as necessary, the 2007 Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Use with Winters Joint Unified School District and the Yolo County Public Library to address the safety of students using the Winters Public Library during school hours.

RESPONSE: It is outside of YCOE's jurisdiction to require any school district in the county to comply with Education Code requirements for comprehensive school safety plans or to execute Memorandums of Understanding with other agencies. However, YCOE will assist Winters Joint Unified School District in implementing all recommendations, including R9, at the district's request.

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Report Title: Are Yolo County Schools in Compliance with School Safety Plans? Report Date: June 19, 2017

Response by: Todd Cutler, Ed.D. Title: Superintendent

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: _____ have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

Recommendations numbered: R1 - R9 (see attached) require further analysis (attach an explanation of the analysis or study, and the time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury Report).

Recommendations numbered: _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

Date: _____ Signed: Todd Cutler

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Winters JUSD

Completed/Planned activities for the District Safety/Emergency Plans

In response to the Yolo County Grand Jury report titled "" the Winters Joint Unified School District has developed the timeline/plan (see below) to address the finding and recommendations provided in the report. This timeline/plan (which includes actions already taken) is intended to address Grand Jury recommendations 1-9, but is not limited to these recommendations.

Fall 2016

- Superintendent met with Director of Facilities to discuss updating of District Safety Plan.

March 2017

- Yolo County Grand Jury met with District Principals and Director of Facilities to go over the districts emergency plans
 - Although the most current District wide emergency plan was dated 2002 all sites had current site plans which included annual drills.

April 2017

- The 2002 District Emergency plan was updated to reflect current staff and current year.

May 2017

- All Assistant Principals, Director of Facilities, CBO, and a representative from Keenan and Associates met as the new WJUSD Safety Committee to review the updated Emergency Plan and IIPP.
- Keenan and Associates asked that the current version of the District Emergency Plan be sent to them for review.

June 2017

- The Districts Emergency Plan was sent to Keenan and Associates and is currently in review. We expect to receive recommended updates and/or modifications before the District Safety Committee convenes in August of 2017.

August 2017

- The District Safety Committee to meet to review recommendations from Keenan and Associates and determine changes/modifications/additions.
- The newly updated District Emergency Plan will be completed for final review by August 18th.
 - The plan is to include a memorandum of understanding with the Yolo County Public Library to address the safety of students using the Winters Public Library during school hours (**Recommendation #9**).
 - The plan will be shared with the Yolo County Office of Education and all District superintendents to share and receive ideas/feedback (**Recommendation #8**).
- Draft as Information Item to the Board.

September 2017

- Final District Emergency Plan to the Board for Approval.
 - Plan to comply with the California Education Code concerning safety **(Recommendation #7)**.
- Align Site Emergency Plans with the Districts Emergency Plan.
- All Departments/Sites will take employees through a review of District Safety Plan and plan for implementation of plan **(Recommendation #6)**.
- District will provide training to staff and students to increase safety awareness **(Recommendation #6)**.

October 2017

- All Site Emergency Plans to the Board for information then approval.
 - The plans to include mention of the following:
 - the need to secure all existing fencing and gates locked during school hours **(Recommendation #2)**.
 - All visitors are required to in at the school office **(Recommendation #3)**.
 - Display of signage and entry instruction that provides direction to visitors to sign in at the office and the requirement for a visitor badge or id **(Recommendation #4)**.
 - Winters High School and Winters Middle School to include in their plan how areas that are not secured with fencing will be monitored **(Recommendation #5)**.
- District to Conduct a feasibility study for installation of appropriate fencing around school property **(Recommendation #1)**.