

Contra Costa County Office of Education

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Civil Grand Jury-Foreperson 725 Court Street Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Response to the 2017-2018 Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1806, "The Opioid Crisis."

Dear Foreperson:

Pursuant to the California Penal Code 933.05(a), the Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools files this response with regard to the 2017-2018 Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1806, "The Opioid Crisis."

Findings:

Response for Finding #1-12 The respondent agrees.

Recommendations:

Recommendation 5 The Contra Costa County Office should consider seeking funds in the FY2019-2020 budget to provide free NARCAN kits in all County school districts.

The recommendation will be implemented for the County operated schools and programs. The County Office will use funds in the FY2019-2020 budget to purchase NARCAN kits for the County Office operated schools and programs.

Additionally, the County Office will explore grant and other outside funding sources (to support school districts); to provide free NARCAN kits for all interested district schools, to the extent that school districts are agreeable and willing to train staff on the use of such kits. The districts school boards and district superintendents are responsible for determining day-to-day operations of school district sites. The County Office does not have jurisdiction over school districts and district school site operations, but has a support role. The County Office will continue to collaborate with the County Health Department to support school districts regarding student health concerns.

If you need further information or clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Sakata

County Superintendent of Schools

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