



# Contra Costa County Office of Education

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Karen Sakata, Superintendent of Schools

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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. 1810, "Chronic Absenteeism in West Contra Costa County School Districts."

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. 1810, "chronic Absenteeism in West Contra Costa County School Districts."

## Findings:

Response for Finding F1.  
The respondent agrees.

Response for Finding F2.  
The respondent agrees.

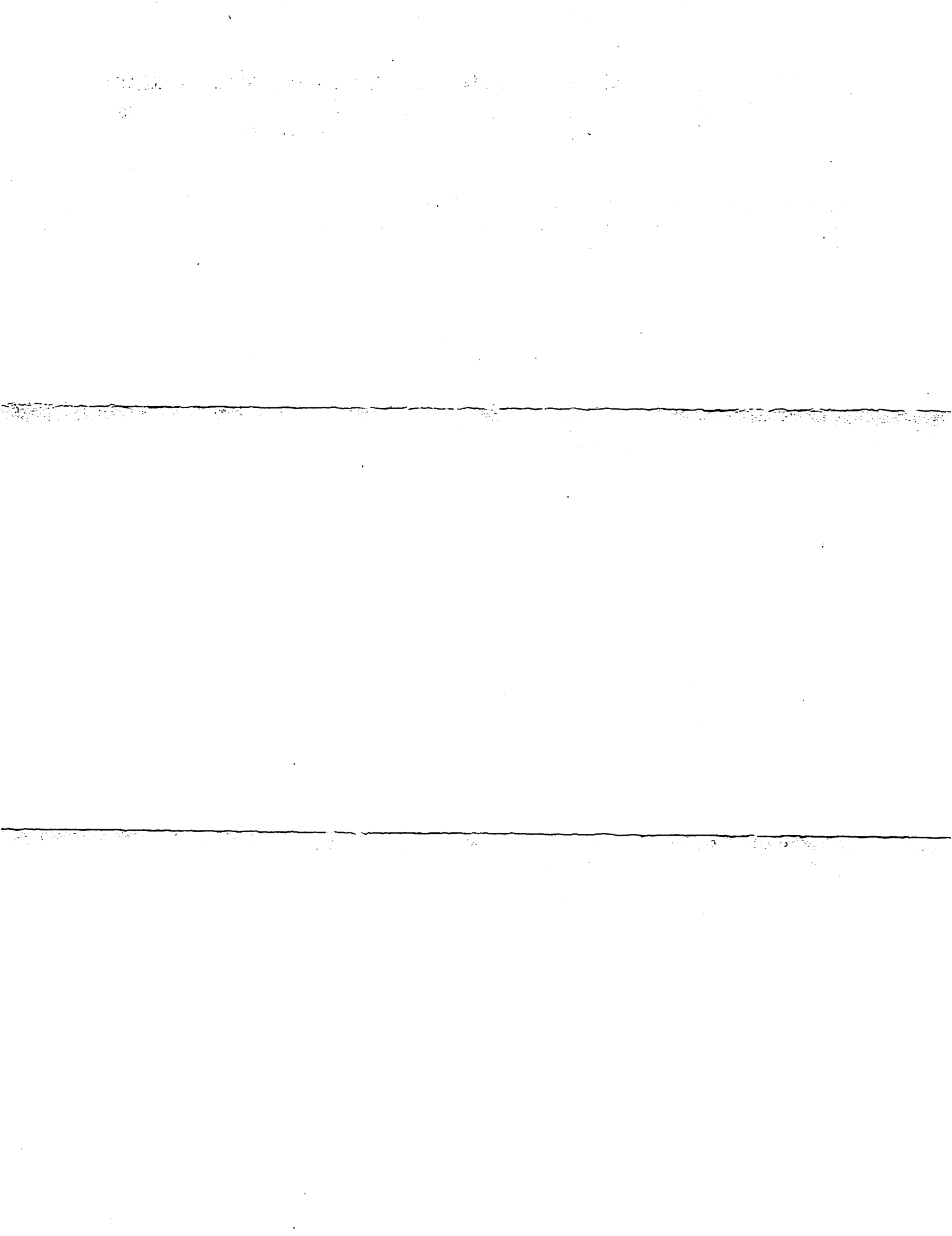
Response for Finding F3.  
The respondent agrees.

Response for Finding F7.  
The respondent partially disagrees.

The respondent is not aware to what extent each district advertises the Every School Day Counts campaign slogan; however, all schools received multiple resources to post, distribute or otherwise use as they see fit. These include banners, district customized Principal toolkits, key messages, contest flyers, etc.

## Recommendations:

Recommendation 4: The Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools should consider expanding its Attendance Awareness *Every School Day Counts* campaign through community television and radio, social media, and school marquee prior to the 2018 fall semester.



1. The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Recommendation 5: The Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools should consider highlighting the importance of attending kindergarten through its Attendance Awareness *Every School Day Counts* campaign in time for the 2019 school year.

1. The recommendation has been implemented.

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

Sincerely,



Lynn Mackey  
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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