



MARTINEZ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Together we will ensure diverse paths to support all students to be college and career ready, equipped to compete and contribute in a global society."

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Attn: Foreperson

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**Director
Educational Services**
Amy Black

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 2008

**Director
Student Services**
Janelle Eyet

Dear Foreperson:

**Director
Personnel Services**
Stacy Joslin

In response to your letter dated June 10, 2020, the Governing Board of the Martinez Unified School District provides this response to the following findings and recommendations in Grand Jury Report No. 2008, "Do Our Public Schools Have Adequate Emergency Supplies"?, as requested.

**Coordinator
Technology Services**
David Wildy

SITE

ADMINISTRATORS

Alhambra High
Matt Chamberlain
Principal

Findings:

Finding #1:

The California Education Code does not specify the type of supplies schools should maintain for emergencies.

Response to Finding #1:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #2:

Each Contra Costa County school district determines its own emergency preparedness plans (based on California State Education Department guidelines), including the amount and type of emergency supplies to maintain at its schools.

Response to Finding #2:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #3:

**Vicente Martinez /
Briones School**
Lori O'Connor
Principal

**Martinez
Junior High**
Kerry Cusack
Principal

**John Muir
Elementary**
Kathy Frazer
Principal

**John Swett
Elementary**
Mike Cannon
Principal

**Las Juntas
Elementary**
Karen Carlson
Principal

**Morello Park
Elementary**
Ami Nichols
Principal

**Martinez Adult
Education**
Suzanne Murphy
Director

The Contra Costa County Office of Education posts on its website a recommended list (minimum standard list) of emergency supplies for school districts.

Response to Finding #3:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #4:

Some Contra Costa County school districts did not demonstrate that they maintain supplies in conformity with the Contra Costa County Office of Education minimum standard list.

Response to Finding #4:

The District partially disagrees with the finding. The District has not verified whether other school districts maintain supplies in conformity with the County Office of Education's minimum standard list.

Finding #5:

Some Contra Costa County school districts fund purchasing and replenishment of emergency supplies through their annual budgets, but most school districts in Contra Costa County fund them through parent or community donations.

Response to Finding #5:

The District partially disagrees with the finding. The District is not aware of how other school districts in Contra Costa County fund the purchase of emergency supplies.

Finding #6:

Contra Costa County school districts can apply for federal, state, corporate or non-profit organization grants to help pay the cost of acquiring and maintaining school emergency supplies.

Response to Finding #6:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding #7:

Each Contra Costa County school district has either a designated safety/ resource officer or a school administrator who fills the safety/ resource officer role.

Response to Finding #7:

The District partially disagrees with the finding. The District has not verified the existence of an assigned safety/resource officer or school administrator being assigned to this role in every school district.

Finding #8:

There is no legal requirement that teachers renew CPR and First Aid certification training after teachers initially obtain their teaching credential.

Response to Finding #8:

The District agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

Recommendation #1:

Each Contra Costa County school district board should consider adopting the Contra Costa County Office of Education Emergency Supplies list (minimum standard list) for its schools and identifying funding sources to purchase the supplies, by December 31, 2020.

Response to Recommendation #1:

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, by the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Recommendation #2:

The Contra Costa County school district boards should consider applying for federal, state, corporate, and non-profit organization grants to fund the acquisition of school emergency supplies, by June 30, 2021.

Response to Recommendation #2:

This recommendation requires further analysis. All schools have a complete set of emergency preparedness supplies in each classroom for up to 3 days. An annual accounting is done each year to assure that all items are in the emergency packs and perishables that need replacement are replaced. Our local refinery has historically provided funding for the replenishment of emergency supplies. The district will consider

applying for grants if funds are not provided by local efforts such as PTA, MEF or local refineries.

Recommendation #3:

Each Contra Costa County school district board should consider developing a plan to identify organizations that provide CPR and First Aid certification refresher training for district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

Response to Recommendation #3:

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented before December 1, 2020.

Recommendation #4:

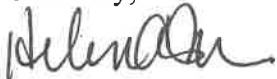
Each Contra Costa County school district board should consider developing a plan to identify funding, if necessary, to provide CPR and First Aid certification refresher training for district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

Response to Recommendation #4:

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by June 30, 2021 should schools reopen at that time.

This completes the District's response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Helen A Rossi
Superintendent