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August 24, 2020

To: Anne N. Granlund, Foreperson
2019-2020 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
Martinez, CA 984553-0091

Re: Responses to Grand Jury Report No. 2008, "Do Our Public Schools Have Adequate Emergency Supplies," dated June 10, 2020

Dear Foreperson Granlund,

The Mount Diablo Unified School District ("MDUSD or the "District") is in receipt of your letter dated June 10, 2020, whereby you request specified the District respond to the Findings and Recommendations to Grand Jury Report No. 2008, entitled "Do Our Public Schools Have Adequate Emergency Supplies." The following constitutes the District's responses to the foregoing:

Findings In Grand Jury Report No. 2008:

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

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

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

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

3. The CCC Office of Education posts on its website a recommended list (minimum standards list) of emergency supplies for school districts.

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

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

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

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

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

6. CCC school districts can apply for federal, state, corporate or non-profit organizations grants to help pay for the cost of acquiring and maintaining school office supplies.

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

7. Each CCC school district has either a designated safety/resource officer or a school administrator who fills the safety/resource officer role.

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

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

Response: MDUSD agrees with this finding.

Grand Jury Report No. 2008 Recommendations Applicable to MDUSD

Recommendation No. 1. Each CCC school district board should consider adopting the CCC 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: The recommendation is in the process of being implemented. In addition to the CCC Office of Education Emergency Supplies list, MDUSD will assess and consider incorporating additional emergency supplies and equipment as recommended by Safe Havens International, ready.gov, community emergency response officials, and local fire and police officials.

Recommendation No. 3. The CCC school district board should consider applying for federal, state, corporate, and nonprofit organization grants to fund the acquisition of school emergency supplies, by June 30, 2021.

Response: The recommendation is in the process of being implemented. MDUSD will consider applying for federal, state, corporate and non profit grants should district funds, service clubs or PTA donations not provide necessary funding to purchase new items, or replenish existing items.

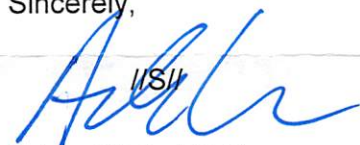
Recommendation No. 4. Each CCC school district board should consider developing a plan to identify organizations that provide CPR and First Aid certification refresher training for district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. MDUSD has a list of organizations and individuals to provide CPR and First Aid training and refresher training.

Recommendation No. 5. Each CCC school district board should consider developing a plan to identify funding, if necessary, to provide CPR and First Aid certification refresher training for its district teachers, by December 31, 2020.

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented but will be considered by June 30, 2021, once schools hopefully reopen from COVID-19 closures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Clark', with the initials 'WSU' written in the middle.

Adam Clark, Ed.D.
Mt. Diablo Unified School District