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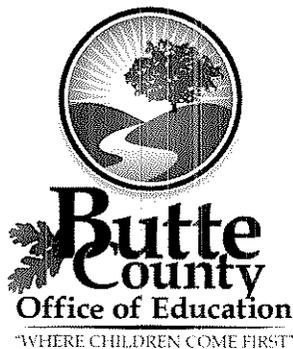
Date: September 1, 2015

To: The Honorable Kristen Lucena
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Butte

From: Tim Taylor, Superintendent 

RE: Responses to the 2014-15 Butte County Grand Jury Report

Please find attached the Butte County Office of Education responses to the 2014-15 Grand Jury Report.



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**GRAND JURY REPORT
RESPONSES
2014-15**

OROVILLE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05, the Butte County Superintendent of Schools is required to respond to all Findings and Recommendations of the Grand Jury Report.

*NOTE: The Butte County Office of Education contacted the Court Services Specialist to clarify the responsibility of the Butte County Superintendent to respond to the Findings and Recommendations, as the most accurate and up to date information would be best recognized by the Superintendent of the Oroville City Elementary School District. The County Superintendent was told the report could not be changed and according to law they would retain the liability of responding. Therefore, we have answered the following findings and recommendations to the best of our knowledge and defer specifics to the Superintendent of the Oroville City Elementary School District.

Findings – Common Core

F1 Common Core encourages collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the benefits of Common Core.

F2 Teachers have been undergoing training for two years.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the efforts of Oroville City Elementary School District teachers.

F3 STEM has given teachers a framework to implement Core.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the benefits of STEM in implementing Core.

F4 Textbooks are not available for all subject areas.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent appreciates the recognition by the Butte County Grand Jury indicating textbooks are not available for all subject areas. Textbooks and materials are approved and adopted on a regular basis by the Oroville City Elementary School Board and the District Superintendent would be the appropriate contact to discuss any concerns.

Findings – Technology

F1 The need for keyboarding skill instruction is recognized.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the benefits of keyboarding skill instruction.

“WHERE CHILDREN COME FIRST”

OROVILLE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT [con't]

Findings – Technology [con't]

F2 **There is only one classroom set of tablets [iPads] for each school.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing technology needs in the classrooms at Oroville City Elementary School District.

F3 **Each school has a computer lab, many with old computers.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing technology needs in the classrooms at Oroville City Elementary School District.

Findings – Fine Arts

F1 **There are few Fine Arts programs offered.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the Fine Arts programs offered at Oroville City Elementary School District.

Findings – Special Needs Student Programs

F1 **The District is a regional provider.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing that Oroville City Elementary School District is a provider of Special Needs Student Programs.

F2 **There is a large population of special needs students in The District.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing that Oroville City Elementary School District is a provider of Special Needs Student Programs.

Findings – Class Size

F1 **The goal two years ago was to have K-3 classes at 24 students in eight years. Currently K-3 class size is already down to 26.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing Oroville City Elementary School District's efforts in reducing class size.

F2 **The District presently has an average of 31 students in the grade 4-8 Classes.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing Oroville City Elementary School District's classroom population.

Findings – Second Language Students

F1 **Various strategies are being used.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing Oroville City Elementary School District's creativity in providing educational strategies for second language students.

OROVILLE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT [con't]

Findings – Second Language Students [con't]

F2 **CELDT will be administered toward the end of the school year, instead of in October.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing Oroville City Elementary School District's change in administering the CELDT.

Findings – Bullying

F1 **Bullying is a challenging problem.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the challenge of bullying at the Oroville City Elementary School District.

F2 **Identified student-bullies are tracked in the district.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the efforts of the Oroville City Elementary School District in identifying and tracking bullying incidents within the District.

F3 **Positive behavior is rewarded.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for recognizing the efforts of the Oroville City Elementary School District in rewarding positive behavior within the District.

Recommendations – Common Core

R1 **Continue with trainings for Common Core.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion to continue trainings for Common Core and will share the recommendation with the Oroville City Elementary School District Superintendent.

R2 **The District needs to lobby the state for textbooks and/or teacher guides in all subject areas.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion to lobby the state for textbooks and/or teacher guides in all subject areas and will share the recommendation with the Oroville City Elementary School District Superintendent.

Recommendations – Technology

R1 **Search for grants for classroom technology, such as computers and tablet devices.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion to search for grants for classroom technology, such as computers and tablet devices and will share the recommendation with the Oroville City Elementary School District Superintendent.

R2 **Continue with the goal of teaching keyboarding skills.**

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion to continue with the goal of teaching keyboarding skills and will share the recommendation with the Oroville City Elementary School District Superintendent.

OROVILLE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT [con't]

Recommendations – Fine Arts

R1 Research grants and other means of funding and promoting Fine Arts programs.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion to research grants and other means of funding and promoting Fine Arts programs and will share the recommendation with the Oroville City Elementary School District Superintendent.

Recommendations – Special Needs Student Programs

NONE

Recommendations – Class Size

NONE

Recommendations – Second Language Students

NONE

Recommendations – Bullying

R1 Develop a stronger district-wide anti-bullying policy with more strategies to combat bullying.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion to develop a stronger district-wide anti-bullying policy with more strategies to combat bullying and will share the recommendation with the Oroville City Elementary School District Superintendent.

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2014-15 BUTTE COUNTY JUVENILE HALL AND TABLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05, the following responses are required:

The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent: A response to Finding F1 through F8.

- F1** **2014-15 found the Butte County Juvenile Hall has a highly motivated and dedicated staff of professionals.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the Butte County Juvenile Hall has a highly motivated and dedicated staff of professionals and appreciates such recognition.
- F2** **The In Camp Program is a challenging program for the youths and produces positive results.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the Butte County Juvenile Hall In Camp Program is a challenging program for the youths and produces positive results and appreciates such recognition.
- F3** **The D-RAY program produces results that classify the juveniles so that they are placed correctly at the juvenile hall.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the Butte County Juvenile Hall D-RAY program produces results that classify the juveniles so that they are placed correctly at juvenile hall and appreciates such recognition.
- F4** **The BCOE with the Butte Community College gives the juveniles another opportunity to be a positive force in the community.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the partnership for educational advancement with Butte-Glenn Community College gives juveniles another opportunity to be a positive force in the community and appreciates such recognition.
- F5** **The Boys and Girls Club is an ongoing program at the Butte County Juvenile Hall.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the Butte County Juvenile Hall partnership with the Boys and Girls Club is an ongoing program at the hall appreciates such recognition.
- F6** **The Butte County Juvenile Hall is a highly motivated all around positive force in our community striving to help our youths make correct decisions on a day to day basis.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the Butte County Juvenile Hall is a highly motivated all around positive force in our community striving to help our youths make correct decisions on a day to day basis and appreciates such recognition.
- F7** **The Table Mountain School Principal is highly motivated and works well with her staff.**
Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that the Table Mountain School Principal is highly motivated and works well with her staff and appreciates such recognition.

BUTTE COUNTY JUVENILE HALL AND TABLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL [con't]

F8 The Table Mountain School is highly committed to helping their students achieve success in school as well as beyond incarceration.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent agrees with the Butte County Grand Jury finding that Table Mountain School is highly committed to helping their students achieve success in school as well as beyond incarceration and appreciates such recognition.

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**2014-15 BUTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EBOLA VIRUS TABLETOP EXERCISE**

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05, the following responses are required:

The Butte County Grand Jury invites the following individuals to respond: Butte County Office of Education and the Director of the Butte County Public Health Department: A response to Recommendations R2 and R3.

Recommendations

R2 That emergency exercises by the Butte County Public Health Department be advertised to members of the news media, to increase public awareness and support of these exercises and community preparedness.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion that emergency exercises by the Butte County Public Health Department be advertised to members of the new media, to increase public awareness and support of these exercises and community preparedness. The Butte County Office of Education has been proactive in responding with attendance and posting such activities on their website to encourage involvement by school district personnel and Butte County communities.

R3 That Butte Community College Health Center and Butte County Office of Education Health professionals be invited to participate in the Exercises.

Response: The Butte County Office of Education Superintendent thanks the Butte County Grand Jury for the suggestion that Butte Community College Health Center and Butte County Office of Education Health professionals be invited to participate in the Exercises. The Butte County Office of Education has been proactive in responding with attendance and posting such activities on their website to encourage involvement by school district personnel and Butte County communities.

PERSONAL NOTE:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the findings and recommendations of this report. This task has allowed me to personally acknowledge the great efforts that take place daily, and by so many in the community who support the educational goals of our Butte County students.

Respectfully submitted:



Tim Taylor, Superintendent
Butte County Office of Education