



Santee School District

SCHOOLS:

Cajon Park
Carlton Hills
Carlton Oaks
Chet F. Harritt STEAM
Hill Creek
Pepper Drive
PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
Rio Seco
Sycamore Canyon
Alternative
Success Program

August 14, 2017

Presiding Judge Jeffrey B. Barton
550 West C Street, Suite 860
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Judge Barton:

We are in receipt of the Grand Jury Report, "San Diego School Board and Superintendent Training". We have read through the report, including the facts and findings, and are now responding to the four findings and the recommendation found within the report.

The District shares the Grand Jury's interest in ensuring that school board members and superintendents are prepared for the many challenges presented in governing a public school district. With respect to the four, formal findings and recommendations within the report, the District responds as follows:

Finding 1: *Formal training for school board members is inconsistent throughout San Diego County school districts.*

Response to Finding 1:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding 2: *School board members would benefit from additional formal training.*

Response to Finding 2:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding 3: *Many superintendents find themselves in novel and extraordinary situations where additional training would be beneficial.*

Response to Finding 3:

The District agrees with the finding.

Finding 4: *Formal training for superintendents is inconsistent throughout San Diego County school districts.*

Response to Finding 4:

The District agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 17-23:

The 2016-17 San Diego County Grand Jury recommends that Carlsbad Unified School District, San Dieguito Union High School District, Poway Unified School District, and the Santee School District review their process for training of school board members and their superintendents in areas where they lack experience and consider mandating training.

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Response to Recommendation 17-23:

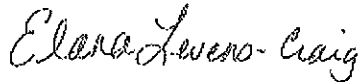
The recommendation has been implemented including Board of Education review of Board Bylaws 9230 (orientation of new Board of Education members) and 9240 (governance team development) and Santee School District Professional Governance Standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury Report, "San Diego School Board and Superintendent Training".

Sincerely,



Kristin Baranski
Superintendent



Elana Levens-Craig
Board of Education President