



Borrego Springs Unified School District

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August 12, 2024

The Honorable Maureen F Hallahan
Presiding Judge of the Superior
Court County of San Diego
PO Box 122724
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And

San Diego County Grand Jury
550 W C St STE 860
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations; Cybersecurity in San Diego School Districts

Response

Findings

We agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F6, F7.

We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F3, F4, F5. The reason for the disagreement is lack of information pertaining specifically to other school districts': cyberattacks and the causes thereof, implementation or lack of implementation of two-step authentication, or lack of personnel with clearly identified roles/responsibilities for cybersecurity readiness.

Recommendations

- R1. This recommendation will be implemented by the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.
- R2. This recommendation will be implemented by the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.
- R3. This recommendation will be implemented by the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.
- R4. This recommendation will be implemented for all staff members for email services by the 2026-27 school year.
- R5. This recommendation has been implemented. The Tech Support Analyst of BSUSD is the cybersecurity lead.

R6. This recommendation will not be implemented as written. The BSUSD board of education determines what information is required to be provided by staff and may request such a report. However, the SDCOE has no jurisdiction over the district's actions related to cybersecurity and does not provide oversight in this area.

R7. This recommendation has been implemented. The district currently holds cybersecurity insurance.

R8-R9 are inapplicable to BSUSD.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Stevens', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Stevens, Ed.D
Superintendent
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