

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

The governance of responses to the Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days, governing bodies (i.e. Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Grand Jury's Advisory Judge and to the Grand Jury Foreperson.

Report Title: Implementing Major Changes in Education at the Local Level: Building a Plan in Midair

Report Date: April 24, 2014

Response by: June 23, 2014

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1 and F2

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: R1

have been implemented (attach a summary describing implemented actions)

Recommendations numbered: _____

Require further analysis (attached explanation of analysis or study, time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury report.

Recommendations numbered: _____

Will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach explanation).

Date: June 12, 2014 Signed: 

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June 12, 2014

The Honorable Daniel Maguire
Yolo County Superior Court
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report (Dated April 24, 2014)
Implementing Major Changes in Education at the Local Level:
Building a Plane in Midair

Dear Judge Maguire:

The following is the Yolo County Office of Education's (YCOE's) response to the findings and recommendations of the 2013-14 Yolo County Grand Jury's Report entitled "Implementing Major Changes in Education at the Local Level: Building a Plane in Midair. For purposes of readability, we have shown the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations in **bold**.

FINDINGS

- F1. Because the regulations and templates pertaining to LCFF and LCAP are still being developed by the State of California, it is too early to determine if YCOE and the five school districts will successfully implement the new K-12 financial reforms.**
- F2. The five school districts and YCOE are on schedule with implementing the Common Core State Standards.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. By December 1, 2014, YCOE should develop and execute a program to keep the residents of Yolo County advised on the progress of implementing the new K-12 financial reforms.**

The five school districts (Davis Joint Unified School District, Esparto Unified School District, Washington Unified School District, Winters Joint Unified School District, Woodland Joint Unified School District), and the Yolo County Office of Education have established websites

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where the public can access information regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) process including state requirements, local stakeholder engagement information and the draft LCAPs.

The communication programs that have been established in each of our districts and in the YCOE are described as follows:

- The districts' and YCOE's LCAPs will be adopted by their boards and receive final approval by the county office of education (district LCAPs) or California Department of Education (YCOE LCAP) on or before October 8, 2014.
- Approved LCAPs will be posted on district and county office of education websites.
- The Districts and YCOE will publish periodic newsletters to update the public on the implementation process of the LCAPs.
- The LCAP process is cyclical and beginning in January the districts will begin gathering data and sharing information with the public during the 2015 stakeholder engagement process to evaluate services to students and make revisions to the LCAP as appropriate.
- The YCOE will include an annual update on the LCAP implementation in the 2015 YCOE Annual Report.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury Report. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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County Superintendent of Schools