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Dear Patti Lamb and Carol Case:

Thank you for sending us the information request dated January 11, 2024, we apologize for the delay, however, we have no record of receiving the original request. We worked as expeditiously as possible to get this information to the Grand Jury. Please let us know if any additional information is required.

Please see the requested responses below.

Request R-1: The Grand Jury is requesting additional information as to how the District's "Adequate policies" satisfies the Grand Jury's recommendation.

Response to Request R-1: When considering school safety the District considers three primary drivers for school safety, which we believe can not be viewed in isolation; 1) safety related policies, 2) safety related practices, and 3) safety related physical infrastructure and technology. In the District response, we stated that "To maintain security during school hours, the District has implemented adequate policies and continues to work closely with local law enforcement agencies." as an acknowledgement of the multifaceted reality of school safety.

Request R-3: Although the due date for implementation of this recommendation is not until the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, the Grand Jury is requesting a status report as to whether any additional signage has been identified and implemented.

Response to Request R-3: Additional signage needs have been identified throughout the District.

Request R-7: Does the District have any documentation showing the current emergency system that is in use throughout the District reaches the 95% (student) notification threshold? How often is the system tested?

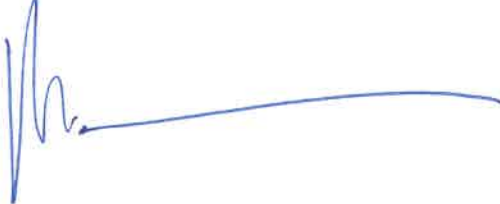
Response to Request R-7: Emergency tests are conducted at least once each year. In addition, whenever there is an emergency situation, whether that is at an individual site or District-wide an incident debrief is conducted and communications reports are analyzed, as appropriate. With regards to student notification, all secondary students (grades 7-12) are notified via our Learning Management System (Canvas) of any emergency during the school day. This allows for students to be informed of emergency situations if they are on or off campus. A sample of the

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type of notification from a recent emergency at Davis Senior High School has been provided ([Attachment 1](#)). All secondary students receive these emergency notifications via email. In addition, students are encouraged to download the canvas app and enable push notifications, which (if enabled) produce a notification for any emergency message and emergency messages are prominently displayed on banners featured on the Canvas platform's homepage when students login. Unfortunately Canvas does not have any reports that verify delivery of the emails to students.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

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DJUSD Canvas Student Emergency Notifications (Attachment 1)


Canvas is the Davis Joint Unified School District's Learning Management System (LMS) and is used to disseminate instructional and other information to students throughout the District. When a student enrolls in the District and is assigned to a site, all of the interconnected systems, such as Canvas (LMS) or School Messenger, know that the student and their associated emergency contacts are at a given school. As a result, communications can be sent to students/families at any site or districtwide. In Canvas, such announcements are distributed through multiple channels, including but not limited to electronic mail, push notifications delivered to students' cellular devices, and prominently displayed banners featured on the Canvas platform's homepage.

Below is an example, from a recent emergency communication in Canvas, which was sent via email, push notifications and Canvas banner.

UPDATE: Davis Senior High NOW CLEAR  

Dear Students,

In consultation with the Davis Police Department, we have determined that Davis Senior High School School campus is safe, and school will open as normal.

 Each time a threat is received on a school campus, staff immediately contact the DPD to investigate, and we determine our response by analyzing the content, context and specifics of the threat. In consultation with DPD and District Office leadership, we have determined the campus is safe.

The decision to cause this type of disruption can come with serious consequences and causes stress for students and staff. Please know that the DSHS team is here to support students should they need it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the North Davis Elementary front office at (530) 757-5400.

DJUSD Communications Team

This is a message from **Davis Senior High School**

from Sep 20, 2023 at 12am to Sep 20, 2023 at 12am