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VIA EMAIL (grandjury@yolocounty.org)

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Yolo County Grand Jury
Hall of Justice
P.O. Box 2142
Woodland, CA 95776

RE: SAFETY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER – Concerns about Yolo High School – Yolo County Grand Jury 2022-23 Consolidated Report

Dear Grand Jury Representatives:

As part of the Yolo County Grand Jury 2022-23 Consolidated Report, the Grand Jury (GJ) investigated and reported on a complaint received about school safety at Yolo High School. In the Findings and Recommendations of the report, the Grand Jury requested responses from Washington Unified School District regarding the recommendations. Washington Unified School District responded to these recommendations. Still, as a compliance measure, the current 2023-2024 Grand Jury Screening and Compliance Committee is requesting additional information or evidence of implementation of the following recommendations:

R-1: By January 1, 2024, the Washington Unified School District should revise the Yolo High School Student Handbook to identify opportunities to address prohibitions against and consequences of having weapons on Yolo Education Center grounds.

R-3: By January 1, 2024, the Washington Unified School District should initiate an audit of investigations involving violence and bullying conducted by Yolo High School leadership between 2021 and 2023, using independent experts to identify any investigations found to be incomplete or improperly concluded, then take remedial action. In addition, the District should review the investigations training completed by the school administration to evaluate its effectiveness and seek opportunities for improvement. The findings and outcomes of this review should be shared with the Grand Jury.

The District's responses to the Grand Jury's request for additional information are set forth below in the format required by Penal Code section 933.05.

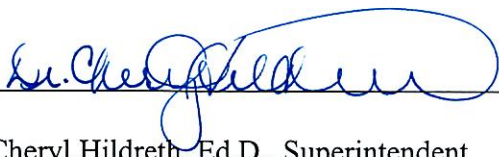
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hildreth, Ed.D., Superintendent
Washington Unified School District

Recommendations	Response from WUSD	Requested Information	WUSD Update(s)
<p>R-1: By January 1, 2024, the Washington Unified School District should revise the Yolo High School Student Handbook to identify opportunities to address prohibitions against and consequences of having weapons on Yolo Education Center grounds.</p>	<p>WUSD responded, “The recommendation has not been implemented. However, it will be implemented as of September 1, 2023.”</p>	<p>The Grand Jury is requesting either a hard copy or an online copy of the Yolo High School Student Handbook.</p>	<p>Yolo High School 2023-2034 Student Handbook is linked here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/11MFqJ_PcXe2KmojisNdMkPSM8aZzWZCquwTulyLEKzY/edit?usp=sharing</p>
<p>R-3: By January 1, 2024, the Washington Unified School District should initiate an audit of investigations involving violence and bullying conducted by Yolo High School leadership between 2021 and 2023, using independent experts to identify any investigations found to be incomplete or improperly concluded, then take remedial action. In addition, the District should review the investigations training completed</p>	<p>WUSD responded, “This recommendation has not been implemented to date. By December 1, 2023, the District will enlist an independent expert’s support to review school-level investigations involving violence and bullying between 2021 and 2023 for Yolo High School.”</p>	<p>The Grand Jury is requesting confirmation that this recommendation has been implemented.</p>	<p>The consultant completed the investigation at Yolo HS per the Grand Jury's recommendation. (The goal was to complete by January 1, 2024) The investigation was completed ahead of schedule on December 4, 2023.</p> <p>A consultant trained school site administrators on conducting investigations related to student safety on January 23, 2024.</p>

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