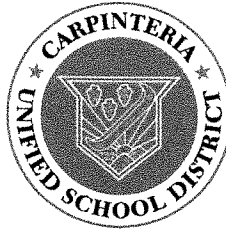


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FROM: Diana F. Rigby, CUSD Superintendent

RE: 2025-26 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report on School Shootings

Finding 1: The Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) provides County school districts training in identifying pathways to targeted violence, although attendance by employees of the various Santa Barbara County school districts in the SBCEO's School Safety Symposium is limited.

Agree for Carpinteria Unified.

Recommendation 1b: The Grand Jury recommends that all Santa Barbara County school districts require administrative leaders to attend the School Safety Symposium in person at least once every two years.

Has been implemented.

CUSD Administrators attend the School Safety Symposium every year.

Recommendation 1c: The Grand Jury recommends that all Santa Barbara County school districts encourage teachers and staff to attend the School Safety Symposium in person, and if not in-person, access the online seminar annually.

Will be not implemented as CUSD provides staff training and conducts safety drills for all teachers and staff in a local context.

Finding 2: Santa Barbara County school districts are compliant in creating Comprehensive School Safety Plans for their schools, but some staff require more information and training on safety protocols.

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Agree for Carpinteria Unified.

At every CUSD school site, staff and students participate in monthly or quarterly practice drills following the Standard Response Protocols (SRP).

Recommendation 2a: The Grand Jury recommends that the Santa Barbara County school districts train and drill all full-time campus personnel and students for campus safety at least once per semester.

Has been implemented.

Elementary and middle school staff and students participate in monthly practice drills and secondary schools participate in quarterly practice drills following the Standard Response Protocol (SRP).

Recommendation 2b: The Grand Jury recommends that the Santa Barbara County school districts provide written and verbal instruction to all temporary personnel, including substitute teachers, prior to their entering a new classroom location.

Has been implemented.

The Standard Response Protocols (SRP) are included in all substitute binders provided to every substitute teacher, and verbal instructions are provided by the site administration.

Recommendation 2c: The Grand Jury recommends that the Santa Barbara County school districts provide quick reference situational cards and/or information posters conveying simple instructions for emergency response procedures in every classroom and in public rooms.

Has been implemented.

The Standard Response Protocols (SRP) are posted in all CUSD classrooms, hallways, offices, library, and cafeteria.

Finding 3: While many Santa Barbara County school districts have a watch, listen, and report culture for enhancement of threat detection in their schools, not all schools have anonymous pathways for reporting threats or potential threats online or on campus.

Agree for Carpinteria Unified.

Carpinteria Middle School utilizes an anonymous "Report a Concern" Google Form that all students have access to. Additionally, all students have access to school counselors where they can safely and confidentially share any concerns with a trusted adult.

Recommendation 3a: The Grand Jury recommends that all Santa Barbara County school districts train school personnel on how to gain trust, understand healthy boundaries, and engage in strategic partnerships with community service groups to support student needs.

Has been implemented.

CUSD has partnered with AHA and Family Service Agency (FSA) to provide training for staff in supporting student needs.

Recommendation 3b: The Grand Jury recommends that all Santa Barbara County school districts provide an anonymous reporting mechanism on school-provided devices, in addition to a drop box available on campus.

Will be implemented in Fall 2026 for all schools.

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Finding 4: School Resource Officers or Deputies are valuable in preventing or addressing potentially dangerous situations on campus, but many schools do not employ them.

Disagree for Carpinteria Unified.

In our small community, CUSD has a strong partnership with the local SB County Sheriff Deputies who respond quickly when needed at our school sites.

Recommendation 4: The Grand Jury recommends that all Santa Barbara County school districts have School Resource Officers (SRO) or Deputies (SRD).

Will not be implemented.

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Finding 5: Some schools in Santa Barbara County school districts lack adequate controls for visitor access.

Disagree for Carpinteria Unified.

The elementary and middle schools have one access point for visitors. The high school campus controls visitor access with security personnel monitoring key points on school grounds.

Recommendation 5a: The Grand Jury recommends that Santa Barbara County school districts improve visitor access control during school hours by requiring

valid government-issued photo identification verified by school personnel, utilizing a system that checks for restraining orders or other legal restrictions.

Has been implemented.

School office staff verify visitors identification while checking for any legal restrictions before issuing the required visitors badge. All visitors are required to sign in and wear an office issued "visitors badge".

Recommendation 5b: The Grand Jury recommends that Santa Barbara County school districts require all schools to issue visitors a badge and require its visibility on the visitor while on campus during school hours.

Has been implemented.

School office staff verify visitors identification while checking for any legal restrictions before issuing the required visitors badge. All visitors are required to sign in and wear an office issued "visitors badge".

Finding 6: Not all schools in Santa Barbara County have adequate safety infrastructure, including fences, cameras, classrooms that lock from the inside, restricted access points, and instantaneous communication devices.

Disagree for Carpinteria Unified.

All schools have cameras, classrooms that lock from the inside, and instantaneous communication devices. The elementary and middle schools have fences and restricted access points. The high school campus is not fenced but controls visitor access with security personnel monitoring key points on school grounds.

Recommendation 6: The Grand Jury recommends that all Santa Barbara County school districts have each school conduct an annual security review with respect to video security cameras at key points across school grounds, two-way communications on campus, and innovations, such as artificial intelligence-aided technologies or drones, and make improvements based on those reviews.

Agree for Carpinteria Unified.

CUSD schools conduct an annual security review to assess security cameras and placement of the cameras, two-way communication devices, and other security -related issues .