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CUYAMA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Response to the 2025-2026 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report:

"Bullying – Addressing Aggressive and Violent Behavior Among Students"

The Honorable Patricia Kelly

Santa Barbara County Superior Court
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Stacy Mezzetta de Cossio, Foreperson

Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
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Re: Cuyama Joint Unified School District Response to the 2025-2026 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report: "Bullying – Addressing Aggressive and Violent Behavior Among Students"

Dear Judge Kelly, Foreperson Mezzetta de Cossio, and Members of the Grand Jury:

The Board of Trustees and administration of Cuyama Joint Unified School District appreciate the opportunity to review and respond to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Bullying – Addressing Aggressive and Violent Behavior Among Students.*" The District remains committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for all students. Through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), counseling services, restorative practices, social-emotional learning, and strong relationships with students and families, the District works proactively to prevent bullying and respond appropriately when incidents occur.

As a small rural school district, CJUSD benefits from close relationships among students, families, teachers, support staff, counselors, coaches, and administrators. The District appreciates the Grand Jury's recommendations and remains committed to continuous improvement in student safety and well-being.

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the District responds as follows.

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Response: Has Been Implemented.

CJUSD currently utilizes certificated, classified, and administrative staff to supervise students before school, during recess and lunch periods, and after-school activities. Supervision schedules are reviewed regularly to ensure appropriate coverage of student gathering areas.

Recommendation 1b

Have sufficient cameras to monitor where students congregate before, during, and after school.

Response: Has Been Partially Implemented and Will Continue to Be Implemented.

CJUSD maintains security camera systems in key areas throughout its campus. The District will continue evaluating campus coverage and future equipment needs as part of its ongoing safety planning process. Additional camera installations will be considered as funding and operational priorities permit through June 30, 2027.

Recommendation 1c

Add more counselors to achieve a ratio no greater than 250:1.

Response: Has Been Implemented.

Due to CJUSD's relatively small student enrollment, the District currently maintains a counselor-to-student ratio significantly lower than the threshold identified by the Grand Jury. The District will continue monitoring student support needs and staffing levels to ensure adequate counseling services remain available.

Recommendation 2

Inform school counselors whenever students under their guidance engage in bullying.

Response: Has Been Implemented.

District administrators and site staff routinely communicate student behavioral concerns, including bullying incidents, to counselors and other appropriate support personnel to ensure students receive necessary interventions and follow-up services.

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Cuyama Joint Unified School District values the safety, well-being, and success of every student. The District appreciates the Grand Jury's review of this important issue and remains committed to fostering a positive school climate where all students feel safe, supported, and connected.

Respectfully submitted,
CUYAMA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
On Behalf of the Governing Board



____ Kevin Lebsack Superintendent/Principal
Cuyama Joint Unified School District

Approved by the Governing Board on August 13, 2026