



King City

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The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulsey
Judge of the Superior Court
County of Monterey
240 Church Street
Salinas, California 939301

Dear Honorable Judge Hulsey,

The King City Union School District and Governing Board is in receipt of the 2017-18 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report-“School Boards Make a Difference, Improving Education: The Role of Local School Boards” After careful review the Governing Board is responding to the Findings and Recommendations as required by California Penal Code 933.05. It should be noted on the outset, that it appears that the specific findings and recommendations prepared by the Grand Jury are based on global presumptions and assumptions regarding the operations and abilities of local school boards in Monterey County, not on specific conditions in King City Union School District. To our knowledge, no member of the Governing Board or District Administration interacted with County Grand Jury on these matters.

Governing Board's Response to Grand Jury Findings

- Finding 1. Concur
- Finding 2. This Finding is global and non-specific thus we are unable to assess.
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- Finding 4. Concur.
- Finding 5. Concur.
- Finding 6. Disagree, Again non-specific, Monterey County Office of Education and the Monterey County School Boards Association presently provide strong leadership to county school boards.
- Finding 7. Disagree; the Grand Jury makes a broad generalization statement with no specifics. KCUSD website presently provides a multitude of information, services, links and access points to the parents, community, and staff. Due to the complexities of the students served by the District, the website will not be simplistic in order for it to be adequate. Sufficiency and “user-friendliness” is a subjective experience.
- Finding 8. Again, a generalized and non-specific statement, with no specificity regarding King City Union School District. The King City Union School has endorsed and supported the concept of Life Long Learning and Continuous Improvement for decades.

Governing Board's Response to Grand Jury Recommendations

Recommendation 1. Will Not Implement.

While the National School Boards Association is a worthy organization, due to its national focus, it is more global and not specific to the differences and strengths of the districts in Individual states. As KCUSD is located in the State of California, the California School Boards Association is a more appropriate organization for the KCUSD Governing Board to seek guidance and support. CSBA has prepared for members a set of Professional Governance Standards. Given the nuances of California, this document provides better document guidelines for reliance. To that end, those Professional Governing Standards are incorporated throughout the KCUSD Board Bylaws.

Recommendation 2. Will Not Implement

While the strength and vision of the recommendation is laudable, it is unenforceable. Currently Board Development is incorporated within the Board Bylaws of the KCUSD policies and procedures. Ultimately, the decision to participate in educational workshops and trainings is made by the individual duly elected board member.

Recommendation 3. Implemented

Presently, presentations, discussions and actions on varying district programs and student achievement are a component of every District Regular Board meeting. Additionally beginning in the 2017-18 year, the Governing Board began monthly study sessions on numerous matters. All stakeholders are urged to attend and participate.

Recommendation 4. Implemented

The King City Union School District has had this type of information on its website predating the requirements of the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Recommendation 5. Implemented

Presently, the district's website provides a plethora of information to the public regarding this finding.

Recommendation 6. Implemented

The District Superintendent and individual board members are available to meet with potential board candidates to discuss the roles and responsibilities of being a member of a school board. There currently is no demand for scheduling a public meeting of the type envisioned by the Grand Jury.

In closing, the Governing Board of the King City Union School District appreciates the work and responsibilities of the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury and hopes the information contained within this document provides a greater understanding of school board leadership in King City Union School District.

Respectfully



Rory L. Livingston
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