

Calistoga Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees
Response to the Napa County Grand Jury
2008-2009 Final Report on Napa Valley Gangs
Findings and Recommendations

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RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

FINDING No 8:

There is evidence of gang influence in every middle school and high school campus in Napa County, and some elementary schools.

RESPONSE TO FINDING No 8:

Respondent agrees with this finding.

FINDING No 9:

School Resource Officer (SROs) are essential to monitoring campus gang activity, providing campus security as well as crucial information and education.

RESPONSE TO FINDING No 9:

Respondent agrees with this finding.

FINDING No 11:

Due to budget constraints, Calistoga and St. Helena currently do not provide SRO's on middle school or high school campuses. Napa provides one SRO to cover three middle school campuses.

RESPONSE TO FINDING No 11:

Respondent agrees with this finding.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION No 4:

Formalization of processes for providing gang information to parents, students and school administrators.

DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION No 4:

The respondent agrees with the recommendation and partially implemented recommendation by partnering with community agencies such as the Family Center, Calistoga Police Department and the Napa County Office of Education. These agencies collaborate to provide parent workshops that focus on educating parents in identifying gang culture, attire, and attitude.

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School administrators work closely with the Student Assistance Program Coordinator and the Diversion Officer using preventive and intervention strategies with students exhibiting gang-like behaviors.

The respondent acknowledges the importance of educating parents, students and school staff and will continue to establish partnerships with community agencies and be proactive in addressing gang activities on campuses.

RECOMMENDATION No 5:

Retain SRO's on campuses, as a preventive measure and to provide education to staff, and parents.

DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION No 5:

Respondent agrees with recommendation but the recommendation will not be implemented due to budget constraints.

RECOMMENDATION No 8:

Consideration of \$34 per day fines, the state allocated daily allowance per student provided to public school districts, after non-response to truancy notification.

DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION No. 8:

Recommendation will not be implemented because CJUSD does not qualify to receive this allocation. Respondent agrees that student attendance directly correlates to student achievement and will work with students, parents, and staff to proactively monitor student attendance for the purpose of increasing student performance.

RECOMMENDATION No 9:

Consideration of stricter dress codes or school uniforms on public campuses.

DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION No 9:

Recommendation has been implemented. Schools have adopted dress code policies. School administration collaborates with community agencies including the Calistoga Police Department. In September 2009 school administration will convene the Student Behavior Committee to conduct a review of the current dress code and its effectiveness. The Student Behavior Committee will review and revise the dress code policy, propose strategies to educate parents, students, and school personnel. Furthermore, the Committee will recommend prevention and intervention strategies to address violations of the school's dress code policy.