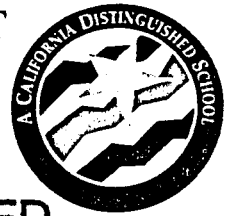




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By JACKIE LASWELL Deputy

On behalf of the Franklin Elementary School District Board of Trustees, I am submitting the attached response to the 2024–2025 Sutter County Grand Jury Report pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05.

The response was developed following a Board discussion held during the regularly scheduled public meeting on July 8, 2025. The Board carefully reviewed the specified Findings and Recommendations related to school safety and traffic conditions surrounding Franklin Elementary School.

As reflected in the attached document, the Board has provided formal responses to each relevant Finding and Recommendation. We appreciate the Grand Jury's attention to issues that impact student and community safety, and we are committed to working collaboratively with county and local partners to address these concerns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,

James Lohman
Superintendent / Principal
Franklin Elementary School District

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To the Honorable Judge Ashby:

On July 8, 2025 the Board of Franklin Elementary School District held a public meeting to discuss and prepare the responses below. Please accept the following as the response to the specified Findings and Recommendations under Penal Code Section 933.05.

FINDINGS and RESPONSES:

F-FE1: *A lack of roadside maintenance led to foliage overgrowing the solar arrays for the "School Ahead" flashing signs and the signs not functioning as intended.*

Franklin Elementary School District agrees with this finding, however maintenance of the overgrown foliage falls outside our jurisdiction and authority.

F-FE2: *An inconsistency with the MUTCD guidelines results in no school-ahead warning signals south of the school's site along Township Road, or east of the school along Franklin Road.*

Franklin Elementary School District agrees with this finding.

F-FE3: *The lack of sidewalks that stretch beyond the immediate boundaries of the school's parking lots discourages student pedestrian use of the roadways along Township and Franklin Roads leading to increased vehicle use at Franklin Elementary.*

Franklin Elementary School District agrees with this finding. The sidewalks leading up to school property are under the jurisdiction of the county and homeowners therefore outside the direct control of the school district.

RECOMMENDATIONS and RESPONSES

R1

Recommendation:

"The Sutter County Grand Jury recommends the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, the Yuba City Unified School District's Governing Board, and the Franklin School District Board of Directors adopt a formal and automated traffic incident reporting procedure with reporting automatically sent to and included in Yuba City Police Department's and Sutter County Sheriff's Office's annual traffic incident reports by the start of the 2026-2027 school year."

Response:

The Franklin School District Board agrees with this recommendation in principle. We recognize the importance of accurate and consistent traffic incident reporting to ensure the safety of students, staff, and the community.

The District will begin researching automated reporting systems and collaborate with the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Yuba City Unified School District, the Yuba City Police Department, and the Sutter County Sheriff's Office to identify feasible solutions that align with our technological and fiscal capacities.

Our goal is to have an implementation plan in place by the end of the 2025-2026 school year, to meet the Grand Jury's recommended timeline for full implementation by the 2026-2027 school year.

R3:

Recommendation:

"The Sutter County Grand Jury recommends the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, the Yuba City Unified School District's Governing Board, and Franklin Elementary School District's Board of Directors adopt a policy requiring all crossing guard employees, or volunteer crossing guards, undergo and maintain certified training for road crossings, including use of proper high-visibility vests and hand-signage, by the start of the 2025-2026 school year."

Response:

The Franklin School District concurs with this recommendation. The District currently employs crossing guards who wear high-visibility vests and use appropriate hand signage to help ensure student safety.

To strengthen this practice, the District will develop and adopt a policy requiring all crossing guard personnel, whether employees or volunteers, to complete and maintain certified training in road crossing safety, including the proper use of high-visibility apparel and hand-signage.

We will coordinate with local law enforcement to deliver this training. Our goal is to have this policy formally adopted and fully implemented before the start of the 2025–2026 school year, in alignment with the Grand Jury's recommendation.