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Mission Statement

We believe that the school experience should be safe, positive, and successful, while contributing to the physical, social, and mental well being of the child.

To the County of Tuolumne Grand Jury,

Regarding: Tuolumne County School Safety Report dated June 30, 2023

Sonora Elementary School

July 26, 2023

We appreciate your point of view. School safety is at the forefront of everything we do. In addition to reviewing our safety plan annually we review our processes regularly and are always striving for continuous improvement.

Findings and Recommendations

F7.1: The school does not log its regular monthly drills, which might limit the ability to track progress and areas for improvement.

R7.1: The school should institute a system for logging and reviewing safety drills. The documentation should include recording the date, time, type of drill, and debrief to identify any issues arising from the drill. Regular reviews of these logs could help identify trends, areas for improvement, and ensure consistency in safety practices.

Response:

This was discovered in our site review last fall. Since January 2023 all drills have been logged.

F7.2: Sonora Elementary has an active shooter protocol in place with ALICE training.

R7.2 Continue the existing ALICE training protocol.

Response:

Sonora Elementary School will continue this protocol.

F7.3: The school's camera system is not consistently monitored throughout the day, and there are no cameras in the parking lot. This could potentially leave areas of the school vulnerable.

R7.3 Evaluate the current camera surveillance system. This evaluation should aim to identify blind spots, including the parking lot, and periods during the day when monitoring is lax or non-existent.

Response:

We appreciate your pointing this out. As an ongoing process, our team has been reviewing our camera system to identify areas of need and have been filling gaps as funding becomes available.

Thank you for your input. We are proud of our focus on security and safety at Sonora Elementary School. Please let me know if you need any more information.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, Cheryl Griffiths, the Board of Trustees,
and Principal, Chris Boyles