

Sebastopol Independent Charter School

A California Public School using the Waldorf Curriculum
Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

August 26, 2008

**School/District Level Emergency Planning Report in Response to
 the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury**

R5:

Our school takes emergency preparedness seriously. Over the past three years, we have worked to create a meaningful disaster preparedness plan. Using resources from SCOE, the Redwood Empire Insurance Group (RESIG), the California Charter Schools Association, and FEMA, we have put together a plan that addresses various scenarios that our community might face. The Executive Director of the school has been integrally involved with the plan and its implementation, and the written plan is currently being fully implemented.

R6:

Disaster preparedness constitutes a priority for our school. We have created a budget line item for supplies and training and allocate the necessary personnel to ensure the plan is fully implemented.

R7:

Our school carries out regular drills and training to ensure the success of our preparedness plan. In addition to fire and earthquake drills, we routinely conduct lock down drills, varied scenario drills, and tests of our emergency contact system. Our entire staff is fully current in first aid and CPR training, and we have our own SCOPE and CERT-trained Emergency Operations Team, made up of parents and staff members. The school's Director is also CERT trained and actively participates in planning and executing preparedness activities. These members work together on campus, as well as with other local emergency services providers, such as the police, fire department, and town officials.

R8:

We have developed a time line to check our supplies, always ensuring they are current and adequate. Currently, we are creating brief monthly emergency planning meetings for our team so we can conduct training in a regular and meaningful way. Since it is difficult to ask busy professionals and parents to participate in day-long events, we are trying to make our training truly doable for those committed to ensuring the safety of our community by doing it in shorter stints whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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