



# GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Honorable David De Alba, Presiding Judge  
Sacramento Superior Court  
720 Ninth Street, Department 47  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Judge DeAlba:

The Galt Joint Union High School District (GJUHS) provides the following response to the findings and recommendations of the Sacramento Grand Jury Report entitled “Cosumnes Fire Department: ‘Second Chance to Make it Right’ – School Inspections.” Galt Joint Union High School District (GJUHS) places student and public safety as ongoing and high priority. For this purpose, additional emphasis has been focused in collaboration with Cosumnes Fire District Staff over the last two years to ensure the district facilities are within fire compliance and safe for occupants.

Specifically, the GJUHS Maintenance & Operations staff has continuously worked directly with Cosumnes Fire District inspectors to ensure that district facilities are both safe for occupants and within fire compliance. This includes working with Cosumnes Fire District inspectors to complete inspections of all facilities within the district. This involves not only a physical inspection, but also a collaboration with inspectors for resolution of any challenges and areas of improvement within the district. These discussions include transparent communication from both sides regarding any violations found during the inspection, establishing remedies to any violations, recommendations from the inspector for safety beyond meeting minimum compliance requirements, establishing new and improved practices, and reviewing upcoming district projects.

The Galt Joint Union High School District is comprised of three schools: Galt High School, Liberty Ranch High School, and Estrellita High School. All sites were inspected in January of 2017 by the Cosumnes Fire District and again in August and September of this year. Liberty Ranch High School and Estrellita both had a re-inspection on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and passed. Galt High School’s re-inspection is set to occur this fall.

Whenever there is an area (or areas) of concern, a District Work Order is generated in a timely manner to resolve any issues that can be corrected in-house. If necessary, a contractor and vendors are retained while staff maintains ongoing discussions with the inspector to ensure compliance.

Further, the district has specifically implemented the following preventative procedures for fire and life safety compliance and proper function:

- Daily:
  - Egress clearance – Corrections are to be made at the time any violation is identified
  - Fire extinguisher accessibility – Corrections are to be made at the time any violation is identified
  - Exit sign lights – Work orders are generated for a maintenance technician to complete repairs any time a violation or needed repair is identified
  - Panic bars – Work orders are generated for a maintenance technician to complete repairs any time a violation or needed repair is identified



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- Monthly Inspection:
  - Fire extinguisher visual inspection – Inspection time and date are recorded and maintained in written records; a work order is generated if any unit is identified to be in need of service
  - Exit sign back up battery tested – a work order is generated for a maintenance technician to repair, as needed
- Semi-Annual
  - Fire sprinkler systems – Service contractor inspection to be completed and make any necessary repairs
  - Fire alarm system – Service contractor inspection to be completed and make any necessary repairs
- Annual Systems
  - Fire hydrants & backflow – Service contractor performs testing, inspection and any necessary maintenance
  - Fire sprinkler – Service contractor performs testing, inspection and any necessary maintenance
  - Fire alarm system – Service contractor performs testing, inspection and any necessary maintenance
  - Fire extinguishers – Service contractor performs testing, inspection and any necessary maintenance
- Five-Year
  - Fire sprinkler – Service contractor performs a five-year major inspection and completes any necessary repair or maintenance

The Galt Joint Union High School District has and will continue to work collaboratively with Cosumnes Fire District to ensure the safety of its students, staff, and community, including being actively involved in the remediation of any noted violation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Corey Reihl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Corey Reihl  
Chief Business Official