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3. The Academic Performance Index is 795.
4. The Revenue Limit per ADA is \$6,410 and there is a Total Revenue Limit of \$1,337,176.
5. The School Board meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of each month.
6. Student Handbooks are available in English and Spanish.
7. A Safe School Plan is available.
8. Instructions in preparation for the Common Core curriculum were posted in classrooms
9. There are two computers available in each primary grade and four in each upper grade.
10. Waukena School uses the Lexia Computer Program for the English Learning Program.
11. Internet access is not reliable at the school.
12. One third of Waukena's students are transfers from other school districts.
13. There are several combination classes.
14. Data analyses of student's test scores were posted in each classroom.
15. Waukena spends \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually for bottled water because of high nitrates and uranium in the school's well water. Money for the purchased water comes out of the school's General Fund. They have applied for Prop 84, Safe Drinking Water Bond Act funds.
16. Waukena School District does not have sufficient funding to support a full-time Resource Specialist.
17. Cafeteria budget averages over \$70,000 a year in the black at the end of the year.
18. At the end of the school year, the 8th grade students go on a three day educational trip to Sacramento and San Francisco at no cost to the student. It is all done via fundraisers and sponsors.

### **FINDINGS:**

1. It is evident that data tracking and test scores, in relation to student performance, is an important component in the school.
2. Limited computers for students and limited internet access deprive students from developing their technology skills and ability to complete Common Core testing.
3. Waukena School District is on the waiting list for Prop 84 funding.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The Tulare County Grand Jury recommends Waukena Joint Union School District continue to work closely with Tulare County Office of Education for technology support and staff development.
2. The Tulare County Grand Jury recommends Waukena Joint Union School District install fiber optics lines for stable internet access for Common Core testing capabilities.
3. The Tulare County Grand Jury recommends Waukena Joint Union School District negotiate with Tulare County Office of Education for a full-time Resource Specialist to meet the needs of the students.

## **RESPONSES:**

1. Waukena Joint Union School District

## **WOODVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **FACTS:**

1. Woodville School District has one school serving grades K – 8.
2. There are twenty nine certificated teachers and an ADA of 490.
3. The Academic Performance Index is 663.
4. The Revenue Limit per pupil is \$6,418 and there is a Total Revenue Limit of \$2,432,880.
5. Board meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month.
6. Student Handbooks are available in English and Spanish.
7. The board meeting attended by the Tulare County Grand Jury was not conducted in an orderly manner nor according to Roberts Rules of Order.
8. Independent study is offered as an optional alternative for qualifying students.
9. Woodville School has two computer labs. There are thirty-three computers in the 6th – 8th grade classrooms and twenty-three computers in the K – 5th grade classrooms.
10. Instructions are given to all students about how to respond to an emergency situation, evacuation, or lockdown while on campus.
11. Woodville School maintains a closed campus during instructional hours. All gates to the campus remain locked for security purposes.

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## **FINDINGS:**

1. Woodville School board meeting attended was not held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and board members were not knowledgeable of how to conduct a meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The Tulare County Grand Jury recommends Woodville School District take advantage of any Tulare County Office of Education training in the area of conducting meetings.

## **RESPONSES:**

1. Woodville School District