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Inyo County Civil Grand Jury
Attn: Superior Court
PO Box 1508
Bishop, CA 93515

Judge Stephen Place,

I am writing in response to the Grand Jury Report of 23-24 as it relates to Fire Inspections at school sites across the County of Inyo.

Please be assured that we have been working diligently on this issue for some time. I am pleased to report that I have been working directly with Cal-Fire Chief Darwin Workman and have arranged for all inspections to be conducted on our campuses. The Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE) will be paying for the fees for these inspections for each district. In addition, the ICOE will continue to help fund a portion of these costs for the districts and provide help in scheduling future inspections.

Finally, in a correspondence I received from Chief Darwin Workman on June 27th I can confirm that nearly every school in Inyo County has been inspected and the final school Death Valley Unified is scheduled for inspection. I have enclosed that correspondence.

It is my belief that we have finally made the correct connection with Cal-Fire through Gavin Whims and Chief Workman and in the future all inspections will take place annually and will meet all California Health and Safety Codes.

Sincerely,



Barry D. Simpson
Superintendent of Schools



Barry Simpson <bsimpson@inyocoe.org>

FW: Inyo School Inspections

1 message

Workman, Darwin@CALFIRE <Darwin.Workman@fire.ca.gov>
To: Barry Simpson <bsimpson@inyocoe.org>

Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 12:48 PM

Good Afternoon

Email below giving the status of the primary annual inspections. (What has been inspected and pending)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

**Darwin Workman**

Chief - Fire and Life Safety Division

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Definition of "Selflessness"

"Them" before "Us", "We" before "Me", "You" before "I"

From: Whims, Gavin@CALFIRE <Gavin.Whims@fire.ca.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:11 PM**To:** Workman, Darwin@CALFIRE <Darwin.Workman@fire.ca.gov>**Cc:** Ryder, Hayden@CALFIRE <hayden.ryder@fire.ca.gov>; Bailey, Jeffrey@CALFIRE <Jeffrey.Bailey@fire.ca.gov>**Subject:** Inyo School Inspections

Chief,

The following schools have been completed. All reports will be done in the next 24-48 and be sent to the respective superintendent.

Big Pine Unfied School District- Completed

Bishop Unfied School District-Completed

Bishop Elementary

(3 rooms no access to as they are State preschool and they did not have keys)

Home Street Middle School

Bishop Union High School

Palisades Glacier High School

Keith Bright Juvenile Court School

(single room on the Bishop Union High School campus)

Lone Pine Unfied- Completed

Lo Inyo Elementary

Lone Pine High School

Round Valley Unfied School District- Completed

Owens Valley Unfied School District- Completed

The following have not been done and have been scheduled.

Death Valley Unfied School - scheduled

Gavin Whims

Deputy State Fire Marshal

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