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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors 1025 Escobar Street Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) supports the Contra Costa Probation Department's proposal to close the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility (OAYRF) in Byron, CA, a residential treatment facility where male students from Juvenile Hall are committed to fulfill their sentence.

Over the decades the Probation Department and CCCOE have done some wonderful work with the students placed at OAYRF. Over the last few years, the number of students placed at OAYRF has drastically declined. OAYRF has the capacity to house 100 students. In the 2021- 2022 school year, enrollment fluctuated between 6-8 students. These enrollment numbers are fiscally unsustainable. Also, these numbers make it difficult to deliver a rich educational program for the students.

At this time, we are asking the Board of Supervisors to consider the closure of the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility.

In partnership.

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