



School Board hears report on District's Sexual Misconduct Prevention Program

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Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Melissa Moore presented a report on the Yucaipa-Calimesa School District's recent training on the Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention Program at the board of education meeting on Dec.

"In 2012 this topic of adult sexual misconduct prevention has moved to the forefront," said Moore. "Names like Jerry Sandusky, Miramonte Elementary School and Mary Kay Le Tourneau have become infamous," continued Moore.

"According to an *LA Times* article I read, Miramonte Elementary School had 200 independent lawsuits alone."

The new program has six administrators working with assigned school sites to oversee the program and train teachers, lunch workers, and soon yard aides.

The program is designed to help certified and classified employees recognize signs of sexual misconduct and help staff know when and where to report it.

Wildwood Elementary School Principal Lucia Hudec said teachers and staff have appreciated the training spear-

headed by Moore.

"People have asked excellent questions and thanked us for reminding them that they are mandated reporters in these situations," she said.

Moore said there have been no recent cases of sexual misconduct in the school district for as long as she could remember.

"But our number one objective is to be sure our students are safe," she said.

Director of Student Services Patty Metheny thanked Moore for the presentation.

"I really applaud you for the time taken on this sensitive nature," Metheny said.