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June 18, 2008

Ms. Judith C. Mahan, Foreperson
Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 3387
Modesto, California 95353

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Re: La Grange Elementary School District

Dear Ms. Mahan:

Your letter of June 5, 2008 and the attached report of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury regarding the La Grange Elementary School District has been referred to this office for response. The findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury invoke the jurisdiction of the California Department of Education (CDE) in several areas. I will therefore refer the report to the appropriate CDE divisions to be treated as compliance complaints as follows:

1. Finding 1: School Facilities Division for communication with the Division of the State Architect of the Department of General Services
2. Finding 2: School Facilities Division
3. Finding 3: School Facilities Division
4. Finding 4: Categorical Programs Complaint Management Division
5. Finding 5: Special Education Division
6. Finding 6: School Facilities Division upon notice from the Stanislaus County Office of Education
7. Finding 7: Policy and Evaluation Division
8. Finding 8: School Fiscal Services Division and Audit & Investigations Division
9. Finding 9: This is a local personnel matter.
10. Findings 10-12: Local governance matters.

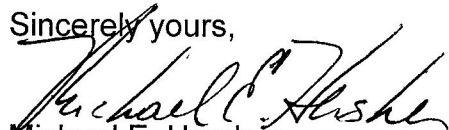
Thank you for bringing these public education matters to our attention. Each of the responsible divisions will conduct an appropriate inquiry and order corrective actions if necessary.

Ms. Judith C. Mahan

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Hersher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michael E. Hersher

Deputy General Counsel

Cc: Kathleen Moore, SFD
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TO: Amy Holloway DATE: 06/05/08
 FOR YOUR INFORMATION
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE UNIT
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SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Jack O'Connell
 Superintendent
 California Department of Education
 1430 N Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. O'Connell:

The Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury is providing you and/or your agency the attached copy of a grand jury report that requires your response. You or other affected people may review this report but the Penal Code prohibits you from disclosing any contents of the report prior to its public release on Monday, June 9, 2008.

Your response to the recommendations must be submitted to Presiding Judge Donald E. Shaver, Superior Court - Stanislaus County, P. O. Box 3488, Modesto, CA 95353. We are enclosing guidelines that may be helpful as you prepare your response. You are asked to submit an original and three copies.

Sincerely,

Judith C. Mahan
 Foreperson

Attachment

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