February 8, 2005

Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California  92701

Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

The following is our response to the findings and recommendations from the Grand Jury regarding obesity:

Findings:
1. We will consider formation of such a committee.
2. We follow federal and state regulations.
3. In reviewing our budget priorities, this recommendation will be considered.
4. We will investigate these grants.
5. The District has not decreased its attention to physical fitness.
6. The District’s Food Services Department considers the caloric value and nutritional composition as it plans meals for students, prepared in our school kitchens.
7. We will review the use of this index.

Recommendations:
1. We will consider formation of such a committee.
2. We follow federal and state regulations.
3. In reviewing our budget priorities, this recommendation will be considered.
4. We will investigate these grants.
5. We operate after school programs along with programs run by the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and the City of Anaheim Recreation Department.
6. We will consider positing of that information.
7. We will review the use of this index.

While the Magnolia School District wishes to be cooperative with the Orange County Grand Jury and respond to its findings, the Magnolia School District believes that the Grand Jury lacks jurisdiction over the issues of truancy and obesity as indicated by the California Attorney General in a 1995 opinion. See, 78 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen 290 (1995).

If our office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Cordially,

Paul Mercier
Superintendent

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