May 4, 2009

Kim Dunning  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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

Subject: Orange County Grand Jury Report “Education of Parents in the Development of Strategies to Keep Their Children Out of Gangs”

Dear Judge Dunning and Members of the Grand Jury:

In response to the above mentioned Orange County Grand Jury Report, please note that the Orange Unified School District is in agreement with the Grand Jury’s findings for numbers 1 through 4, and 8.

With respect to finding number 5: The Orange Unified School District has begun implementing the recommendation. The Orange County Department of Education facilitates county wide meetings for Child Welfare and Attendance, School Attendance Review Board and Truancy Response personnel. The opportunity to discuss Recommendation 5 is available at these meetings.

The Orange Unified School District is in the process of implementing the GRIP program at two elementary schools. The implementation of this program will foster an increased exchange of information with other school districts. The GRIP program will be put in place during the 2009-2010 school year.

Please feel free to contact my office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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