November 28, 2007

Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive, West
Santa Ana, CA  92701

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

This letter is in response to the 2006-07 Orange County Grand Jury Report.

In response to Finding F-1 that the overall quality of the 28 Orange County School Districts and their individual schools’ emergency preparedness plans are in need of much improvement, Savanna School District disagrees partially with this finding. While there may be districts and schools that need improved plans, others have very comprehensive and well-developed plans.

In response to Recommendation R-1 that Orange County School Districts should make sure that they and their individual schools have a SEMS equivalent plan, and these should be submitted to the Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools for review, Savanna School District disagrees partially with this finding. While we do agree that plans should follow the SEMS format, we disagree wholly that they should be submitted to the Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools for review. Plans for each individual school district should meet their respective community needs, following the SEMS format. The Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools does not have the staffing nor knowledge of individual community needs to participate in the review of such plans.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sue Johnson
Superintendent

cc: Orange County Grand Jury