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Frederick P. Horn
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92701

Dear Judge Horn:

I am writing in response to the Grand Jury report "Childhood and Adolescent Obesity: Making the Orange County Schools Part of the Solution" as to the following Findings/Recommendations:

- Finding/Recommendation 1: The district will consider establishing a Child Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee.
- Finding/Recommendation 2: The district's food and beverages served on school campuses continue to meet federal and state requirements.
- Finding/Recommendation 3: The district has nutrition and physical education specialists who are available to conduct professional development and inservice training to teachers and other staff members.
- Finding/Recommendation 5: The district will continue to pursue state and federal grants for which it is eligible.
- Finding/Recommendation 8: The district will continue to incorporate BMI Grade 5 Physical Fitness assessment and communicate this information to parents.

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

Sincerely,

Gary Rutherford, Ed.D.
Superintendent

c: Orange County Grand Jury