



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Orange County Grand Jury
T.W. Staple, M.D., Foreman
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana CA 92701

Dear Orange County Grand Jury:

Re: Orange County Grand Jury Report on Truancy

While the Buena Park School District wishes to be cooperative with the Orange County Grand Jury and respond to its findings, the Buena Park School District believes that the Grand Jury lacks jurisdiction over the issues of truancy and obesity as indicated by the California Attorney General's opinion. See 78 Ops.Cal. Atty.Gen.290 (1995). The District was pleased that of the twenty five findings identified in the Grand Jury report only two had implications for the Buena Park School District. The following information is provided:

The District is reviewing its' web site and will make changes to provide parents with additional information regarding student attendance.

The Buena Park School District has an active School Attendance and Review Board that meets on alternate Fridays to address student attendance issues. The Board meets at the Buena Park Police station and has representatives from the Buena Park School District, Buena Park Police Department, Boy's and Girls Club, Outreach Concern and the Orange County Probation Department. We believe that local community efforts are more effective in addressing attendance issues than participating in a county wide SAR Board. The decision was based on effectiveness not budgetary concerns as stated in the Report.

Sincerely,

Lew Becker
Superintendent