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January 17, 2005

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 "Combating Truancy in Orange County" as to the following Findings and Recommendations:

- Finding 2: Each site's School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is posted on the district web site and this includes expectations for student achievement. In addition, the Superintendent's Message for March 2004 also addresses this topic.
- Finding 8: The district is not seeking representation on the County SAR Board at this time.
- Finding 15: The district has investigated this potential funding.
- Finding 19: Periodic training is in place.
- Finding 24: At this time, the district is not seeking to implement an advisory or networking SAR board at the county level.
- Recommendation 14: The district has investigated this potential source of funding.
- Recommendation 20: The district will investigate involvement in the Truancy Response Project.

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 truancy 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