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Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

The following is our response to the findings and recommendations from the Grand Jury regarding truancy:

Findings:

- 1. We will review our website.
- 8. We are reviewing participation on the County School Attendance Review Board.
- 10. We will investigate these grants.
- 15. We will explore opportunities for reimbursement through State and Federal funding for participation on the County School Attendance Review Board.
- 19. We will explore training of school administrators in preparing School Attendance Review Board referral documentation.

Recommendations:

- 1. We will review our website in consideration of enhanced treatment of attendance matters.
- 9. We will investigate these grants.
- 14. We will explore opportunities for reimbursement through State and Federal funding for participation on the County School Attendance Review Board.
- 20. We will investigate the use of this project.

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

If our office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Cordially,

Paul Mercier Superintendent

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