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From the Office of the Superintendent

August 24, 2007

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

Re: Response to Findings in the Orange County Grand Jury Report,
"Orange County Schools Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen"

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

The Fountain Valley School District disagrees with the findings in the above-named report.

The finding requires that the SEMS equivalent plan of each school be submitted to the Orange County Department of Education Superintendent of Schools for review. This finding goes beyond Education Codes 32281 (a) and 32288 (a) in both the scope of the plan required and the submission requirement. Section 32281 (a) states, "Each school district and County Office of Education is responsible for the overall development of all comprehensive school safety plans for its schools operating kindergarten or any of the grades 1 to 12, inclusive." Section 32288 (a) states, "In order to ensure compliance with this article, each school shall forward its comprehensive school safety plan to the school district or County Office of Education for approval."

Each school in the Fountain Valley School District has a comprehensive school safety plan which has been reviewed and approved by the District and therefore complies with the relevant education codes.

Sincerely,

Marc Ecker, Ph.D., Superintendent
Fountain Valley School District

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c: Barry Blade, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business

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