



FULLERTON
SCHOOL
DISTRICT

August 25, 2008

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

Dear Judge Wieben Stock,

Re: Orange County Grand Jury Report – *Are Charter Schools Getting Passing Grades?*

I am in receipt of the 2007-2008 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled *Are Charter Schools Getting Passing Grades?* I have had the opportunity to review this report. In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.5, each finding in this report is to be responded to by the governmental entity to which it is addressed. The Fullerton School District responses to the findings and recommendations within this report are as follows:

Finding F-1

Fullerton School District agrees with Finding F-1 that Orange County charter schools meet the intent of Education Code 47600-47664. Parents and students have a variety of excellent educational opportunities that meet the varied needs of the diverse student population within Orange County.

Finding F-2

Fullerton School District believes that the Orange County community is satisfied with the educational options available for its students and this is what may have resulted in a lower number of new charter school proposals.

Finding F-3

Fullerton School District is committed to providing its students with many excellent academic programs that meet the needs of all students. This commitment could result in increased oversight costs for districts responsible for monitoring charter schools but would not be a basis for charter school petition denial.

Recommendation R-1

Fullerton School District agrees with this recommendation and upholds the provisions of the Education Code. Each charter school request is individually evaluated against the approval

criteria provided in State law, regulations and case law. Parents are free to place their children at local charter schools without constraint if that is their educational choice for their children.

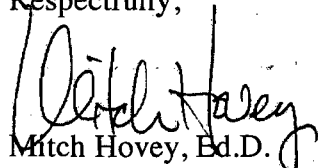
Recommendation R-2

Fullerton School District agrees with this recommendation and believes that chartering authorities should follow the intent of legislation for the establishment of charter schools once they meet the requirements and are accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation R-3

Fullerton School District agrees with this recommendation and would provide adequate oversight of charter schools even though State law does not allow for full reimbursement for oversight of charter schools.

Respectfully,



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Fullerton School District

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Cc: Orange County Grand Jury