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July 10, 2003

The Honorable Fredrick P. Horn  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Horn:

Enclosed is the Orange County Department of Education's response to the 2002-2003 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Medical Resources at Juvenile Facilities." An electronic format is also enclosed per the Grand Jury's request.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please call me at 714.966.4001.

Sincerely,

William M. Habermehl  
County Superintendent of Schools

WMH:jf

Enclosure

cc: Carlos N. Olvera, Foreman  
2002-2003 Orange County Grand Jury

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RESPONSE TO THE  
2002-2003 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT  
“Medical Resources at Juvenile Facilities”

**Grand Jury Finding #3**

**Transporting minors to routine medical appointments increased demand on staff time, added transportation costs, and lost ADA funds. The total cost savings, cost avoidance and additional ADA money to OCDE could be approximately \$150,000 a year by the addition of a physician visit to remote facilities.**

Department of Education Response:

**AGREE PARTIALLY**

Minors are transported for many reasons other than medical appointment. In the past, this would have resulted in an excused absence and ADA collected. With the change in apportionment guidelines for absences, this is no longer the case. If the absence is only for a portion of the day, then the student returns to school and some apportionment is collected for the student. The Orange County Department of Education agrees that some ADA could be collected if medical appointments were conducted at the remote facilities; however, we recognize that this would only capture a portion of the students being transported.