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Honorable Nancy Wieben-Stock, Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court C1
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Re: Revised Response to Finding #1 "Orange County School Disaster Plans:
A Disaster Waiting to Happen"**

At the request of Grand Jury representatives Irene Kennedy and Bill Guidas, I respectfully submit this revised response:

Findings and Responses

Finding #1: The overall quality of the 28 Orange County School Districts and their individual school's emergency preparedness plans are in need of much improvement.

Response: The Huntington Beach Union High School District disagrees partially with the finding based on the following:

- The District schools have personnel assigned to the various SEMS positions.
- The personnel assigned to these positions have been trained.
- The personnel assigned performed drills based on the plan.
- The District has performed hazards assessments of each school.
- The District schools each have a plot plan identifying the location of critical stations.
- Each school has the necessary resources to deal with an incident.
- Each school has identified a variety of incidents and has procedures to deal with each incident.

Part (b)

The Recommendation R-1 has not been fully implemented but will be implemented in the future with a timeframe for implementation as follows:

- Each school site will update their SEMS Organizational Chart to show the current persons assigned to that position.
- Each school site will update their SEMS Organizational Chart to show a backup person for each assigned position.
- The above recommendations will be completed by October 23, 2007.

Sincerely,

Van W. Riley, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Our mission is to ensure all students learn and achieve to their maximum potential in a supportive and innovative environment that develops creative, responsible and productive individuals prepared to meet the challenges of the future.