



LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Patricia A. Howell, Ed.D. - Superintendent of Schools

November 14, 2006

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

Dear Judge:

Please find enclosed the responses to the Orange County Grand Jury Findings: 6.1 through 6.3 and Recommendations: 7.1 through 7.3 from the Lowell Joint School District.

Please contact me at (562) 902-4280 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Reynolds
Chief Business Official

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Enclosures

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November 7, 2006

Mr. Alan Locher
Orange County Grand Jury

RE: Responses to OC Grand Jury Findings 6.1 through 6.3 and 7.1 through 7.3

FINDINGS:

6.1 Control over competitive foods: Most school district food service directors do not have control over all food and beverages sold on school campuses.

Most often excluded are the competitive foods, i.e., food and beverages sold through vending machines, students stores, and fund raising events.

RESPONSE: The District does not have vending machines for student use. The District does not sell any food or beverage in the student stores. The new Chief Business Official and the Director of Food Services are working with the school sites to limit the number of food-related fund raising events.

6.2 Compliance with federal and state laws: Responding Orange County food service directors indicated their school districts are either in compliance with or will be in compliance with recently enacted federal and state laws addressing child wellness and obesity.

RESPONSE: The District is in compliance with the federal and state laws addressing child wellness and obesity. The Director of Food Services is the Chairperson of the District committee.

6.3 School nutrition programs: Some Orange County schools have developed creative nutrition programs that go beyond state and federal legislation to fight obesity.

RESPONSE: The District is implementing a new wellness policy and surveying neighboring districts for what they serve their students. The menus were revised this past summer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 Control over competitive food sales: Orange County school districts should consider granting food service directors more control over sales of all food and beverages on district campuses.

RESPONSE: The District does not have vending machines for student use. The District does not sell any food or beverage in the student stores. The new Chief Business Official and the Director of Food Services are working with the school sites to limit the number of food-related fund raising events.

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7.2 Compliance with federal and state laws: School district should ensure compliance with legislated actions and dates addressing child wellness and obesity.

RESPONSE: The District is in compliance with the federal and state laws addressing child wellness and obesity. The Director of Food Services is the Chairperson of the District committee.

7.3 School nutrition programs: To fight obesity, Orange County school should consider researching and developing nutrition programs that go beyond state and federal legislation.

RESPONSE: The District is implementing a new wellness policy and surveying neighboring districts for what they serve their students. The menus were revised this past summer.