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To Whom It May Concern:

I have attached the Findings and Responses to questions 6.1 through 7.3 regarding "Are Schools Feeding or Fighting Obesity?"

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,



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Findings and Responses

Finding #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 competitive foods, *i.e.*, food and beverages sold through vending machines, student stores, and fund raising events.

Response: The food service director meets with each school site staff to assist them in the implementation of PYLUSD Board Policy 5030 Student Wellness. In addition PYLUSD Administrative Regulation 5030 section F states "All campus food sold or provided by students, staff, or parent booster organizations through cafeteria, vending machines, students stores, or classroom parties must follow the California guidelines identified in SB 12."

Finding #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: Foods and beverages sold or served at all schools will meet the nutrition recommendations of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans and current California state standards.

Finding #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: During the 2003-04 school year, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District established a **Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC)**. Membership consists of a cross section of stakeholders including the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, the Director of Executive Services, the Director of Educational Services, the Director of Food Services, the Supervisor of Health Services, the Supervisor of Child Care services, a high school principal, two high school assistant principals, a middle school assistant principal, a high school activities director, a high school athletic director, a teacher, a parent, and a student. The purpose of this council is to address issues of nutrition, health, and obesity.

Finding #7.1 Control over competitive foods: Orange County school districts should consider granting food service directors more control over sales of all food and beverages on district campuses. (See Finding 6.1)

Response: PYLUSD director of food services serves as a resource to guide schools through the implementation and compliance of newly adopted district policy, state law, and federal guidelines in accordance with student wellness BP 5030.

Finding #7.2 Compliance with federal and state laws: School districts should ensure compliance with legislated actions and dates addressing child wellness and obesity. (See Finding 6.2)

Response: PYLUSD is compliant with all Federal and State mandates regarding wellness and obesity. Board policy 5030 local wellness policy was board adopted August 29, 2006. Beverage Sales and Use BP 3542.4 was adopted September 13, 2005.

Finding #7.3 School nutrition programs: To fight obesity, Orange County schools should consider researching and developing nutrition programs that go beyond state and federal legislation. (See Finding 6.3)

Response: The **Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC)** will continue to seek ways to improve nutrition education. The elementary Physical Education staff will continue to emphasize nutrition's connection to health. Wellness grants will be sought after to help support new programs.