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June 27, 2007

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

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

Enclosed is the response to the 2006-07 Orange County Grand Jury report on "Orange County Schools Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen"

If we can be of further assistance to you, please call us at 714.966.4001.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Habermehl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William M. Habermehl  
County Superintendent of Schools

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**ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT**  
Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen

Response Summary from the Orange County Superintendent of Schools

In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933 and 933.05, a response is required from the Orange County Superintendent of Schools to Finding F-2 and Recommendation R-2 of the Orange County Grand Jury report titled "Orange County School Disaster Plans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen".

Finding F-2

California Education Code Section 32288 requires that each school district or county office of education notify the State Department of Education, by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of discovery, of any schools that have not compiled with section 32281.

*The Orange County Superintendent of Schools agrees with Finding F-2, which is consistent with our current practice.*

Recommendation R-2

The Orange County Department of Education/Superintendent of Schools should notify the State Department of Education by October 15, 2007 of any school that does not have a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan that mirrors SEMS as required by California law.

*The recommendation will not be implemented because it is beyond the legal authority of the Orange County Superintendent of Schools. The Orange County Superintendent of Schools will encourage school districts to continue their compliance requirements. It is the responsibility of each school district and the county office of education to review their own school site safety plans as required by California Education Code Section 32281 and 32288. The Orange County Superintendent of Schools will continue to assist school districts as requested by the school district.*