

May 27, 2008

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Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report on Charter Schools

The following responses are in accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05:

R-1: Orange County school districts and Orange County Superintendent of Schools continue to offer expanded choices for educational opportunities, as required in the State Education Code, by utilizing charter schools as an option to provide additional choices, especially for at-risk and academically low-achieving students.

Required Response to R-1: We agree with the finding. We uphold the provisions of the Education Code and individually evaluate every charter request against the approval criteria provided in state law, regulations and case law. Additionally, parents are free to place their children at local charter schools without constraint.

R-2: The chartering authorities should follow the intent of the legislature by encouraging the establishment of charter schools by granting more charter school petitions provided they meet the State requirements.

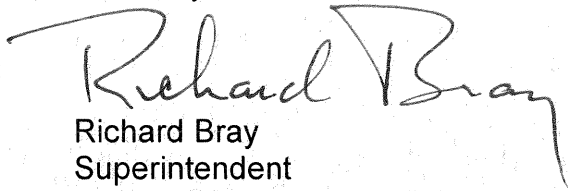
Required Response to R-2: We agree with the finding. We evaluate each charter petition against the approval criteria provided in state law, regulations and case law. Charter school petitions that meet all of the state requirements are accepted by the Board of Education.

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R-3: Local school districts provide adequate oversight of charter schools even though State law does not allow for full reimbursement for oversight.

Required Response to R-3: We agree with the finding. We would work cooperatively with a charter school to reach signed Memos of Understanding in the areas of fiscal, personnel and curricular oversight. This sets common expectation levels and streamlines oversight for the District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Bray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Richard Bray
Superintendent
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cc: Orange County Grand Jury
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