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August 14, 2007

The Honorable Robert S. Boyd
Presiding Judge
Sonoma County Superior Court
Hall of Justice
600 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Judge Boyd:

On behalf of the Geyserville Unified School District (GUSD) and pursuant to the requirements of California Penal Code Section 933C, I have enclosed our required responses to the 2006-2007 Final Report of the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury.

I have reviewed the Grand Jury's findings, conclusions, commendations and recommendations and enclose our response to those recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Carnation
Interim Superintendent
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**Geyserville Unified School District
Responses to Grand Jury Recommendations
August 12, 2007**

R1

The GUSD presently does have a person trained as suggested by this recommendation. Cross training will take place during the school year.

R4

As a practical matter, requiring newly hired employees to pay the cost of fingerprinting would greatly reduce the applicants for classified positions which are typically lower paying positions.

R5

GUSD currently makes the names of volunteers available upon request.

R6

GUSD will amend the job description of the Human Resources Officer to include checking volunteers against Megan's Law website.

R7

GUSD is a very small school district with very limited administrative staff. The time involved, and time delay would mitigate against volunteer use. The practice at GUSD is for volunteers to work under the direct supervision of staff that has a DOJ clearance.

R8

The Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools will be asked to make this request on behalf of all Sonoma County Districts.

R9

While this recommendation seems reasonable, many small districts in Sonoma County are struggling financially. Given the number of staff and volunteers, this could become a very significant drain on an already strained school budget.

R10

The GUSD requires all activities in these areas to be supervised by staffs that are fingerprinted. Volunteers are not to be left unsupervised with students.

R11

GUSD already makes this requirement.

R13

GUSD already makes this requirement.

R14

This would be a welcome addition if the SO has the ability to provide this service.

R15

The district presently does this with its “walk on coaches.” It will consider expanding this to all volunteers.