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Dear Judge Price:

This letter is written as a response from the Napa Valley Unified School District to an investigation and subsequent recommendations provided by the Napa County Grand Jury in its 2009-2010 report.

Summary/Background:

In order fulfill the Grand Jury's mandate to investigate all branches of government, to be assured they are being administered efficiently, honestly, and the best interest of Napa County's citizens; the 2009-2010 Grand Jury investigated education with relation to the interests of providing proper educational activities within the Napa Valley Unified School District for troubled youth.

NVUSD's Response to 2009-2010 Grand Jury Findings related to providing course work for minors incarcerated at Juvenile Hall in a timely matter.

Finding #2: NVUSD is not required to provide current course work, for minors incarcerated at Juvenile Hall in a timely matter.

Recommendation #2:

NVUSD, in conjunction with NCJH personnel, establish and implement a re-entry program for youth returning from Juvenile Hall.

Response: Partial Agreement

We are in agreement with the recommendation that a re-entry program would be valuable, but resources and logistics may present significant obstacles. NVUSD will work with NCOE and NCJW to research the feasibility of a re-entry program for students returning to their school from Napa County Juvenile Hall. Discussion, coordination and implementation of how the student will overcome not having been in his or her classes for the time they were in Juvenile Hall, as well as a scheme for credit recovery, make up, and extra support would be addressed. The NVUSD Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor will facilitate the planning and feasibility discussion between NCJH, NCOE and NVUSD during the 2010-11 school year, with the intention of implementing a program by the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

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