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Honorable Steve White, Presiding Judge Sacramento County Superior Court 720 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Department 47 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Sacramento County Office of Education Response to 2010-2011

**Grand Jury Report** 

Dear Judge White:

The final page of the Sacramento County Grand Jury's 2010-2011 report on the Twin Rivers Unified School District directs the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to respond to "indicated findings and recommendations contained in this report." In our view, none of the "indicated findings and recommendations" address SCOE programs or activities.

The portion of the Grand Jury's report directly related to SCOE involves the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools and SCOE's refusal to approve and pay buyouts awarded by the Grant Joint Union High School District's (GJUHSD) governing board to former GJUHSD administrators. The California Court of Appeals upheld the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools' decision in this matter. The Grand Jury's report indicated that it was unclear whether this decision will be appealed to the California Supreme Court. To clarify, the GJUHSD administrators sought review of the Court of Appeals decision in the California Supreme Court, however, the California Supreme Court denied such review.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (916) 228-2410.

Sincerely,

David W. Gordon

Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools

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