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The Honorable Raymond A. Guadagni
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Napa
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. O.
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Barbara G. Nemko, Ph.D.
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Dear Judge Guadagni:

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My apologies for the lateness of this response from the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) in regard to the following recommendation provided by the Napa County Grand Jury in its 2007-2008 report of Napa County Office of Emergency Services.

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The Grand Jury recommended that:

General Services
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- 1. C.E.R.T. training be implemented in Napa County high schools and middle schools.

Human Resources
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The reason that C.E.R.T. was not previously implemented in middle and high schools is that it is not a program normally funded through state or federal educational resources. Also C.E.R.T. itself is generally offered to adults.

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However, recognizing the need for having more C.E.R.T. trained individuals, and the wisdom of having young people available to assist in the event of an emergency, the Napa County Office of Education, (NCOE), in coordination with all Napa County school districts, successfully applied for and received a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant from the federal government effective July 1, 2008. Partial funding from this grant will be used to begin the implementation of a *Teen-C.E.R.T.* training in the schools. Neal O'Haire, who was instrumental in the development of the adult C.E.R.T. training in Napa County, has been hired by NCOE to coordinate the program and help develop a sustainability plan to keep the program active beyond the 18 month life cycle of the grant.

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I'd like to thank the Grand Jury for their thoughts and recommendations, and again apologize for the lateness of this response.

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Sincerely,

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Napa County Superintendent of Schools

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cc: William E. Trautman, Foreperson
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