



NAPA VALLEY
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Napa County Grand Jury
c/o Court Executive Office
Napa Superior Court
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brennan
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Dear Grand Jury Members:

We appreciate the Grand Jury's Report and agree with many of the findings. Please accept the response to your request for Finding F7, *It is uncertain whether the Legacy Program could be effectively established at other campuses* and Recommendation R2, *Continue the Legacy Program at Vintage High School and use as a model for other high schools, in particular Napa High School and Valley Oak High School.*

As noted in the Report, the Legacy Program at Vintage High School has shown great success. Vintage High School has not replaced AVID with Legacy. Enrollment in the AVID program has been increasing annually and has doubled since it began. Vintage High School attributes its student academic success and a sense of belonging to this increased AVID enrollment in partnership with the Legacy Youth Project that also builds academic success and student connections.

NVUSD will be expanding the Legacy Program to Silverado Middle School, Redwood Middle School and the sixth grade class at Napa Valley Language Academy for the 2016-17 school year.

Napa High School uses the AVID and LAYLA programs to build academic success and a sense of belonging for students. Due to funding restraints, we will be analyzing where we can expand the Legacy program after the 2016-17 school year.

Valley Oak will be implementing an advisory period next year to continue to strengthen its community. Valley Oak will continue to work with Napa and Vintage High Schools in a multi-year partnership with the Acosta Consulting Team to develop more culturally responsive curriculum. Napa High will be joining the training in 2016-17.

Sincerely,

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