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Honorable Jamie Jacobs-May
Presiding Judge
Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Honorable Jamie Jacobs-May,

As stated in Penal Code § 933.05(a)(b), the Board of Trustees response to the Grand Jury's Final Report, **Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation** is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert Varich
President, Board of Trustees
Moreland School District

cc: Mr. Glen Ishiwata, Superintendent

Board of Trustees

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MORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations
"Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation"
August 2010

Finding 1:

Education and financial benefits can be achieved by consolidation and unification of certain county school districts.

Response: The Moreland School District disagrees in whole with Finding 1.

Recommendation 1a:

The Boards of Trustees should unify Cambrian School District, Campbell Union School District, Moreland School District, Union School District, and Luther Burbank School District with Campbell Union High School District.

Response:

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Explanation:

1. A study was completed in 2005 looking into the possibility of a possible unification between Campbell Union School District and Moreland School District. Findings include:
 - Too large of a timeline
 - Not significant financial savings (only loss of a small number of District Office positions)
2. The Superintendents of Cambrian School District, Campbell Union School District, Luther Burbank School District, Moreland School District, Campbell Union School District, and Campbell Union High School District met to discuss this Final Report. The Superintendents of the above named Districts are in agreement that this consolidation would not be beneficial or productive to the community, the schools, and the instructional and business support of the districts at this time.
3. Moreland School District believes this is a community decision. There has been no attempt to unify the five partner districts with Campbell Union High School District in the past 20 + years. In 1999, Moreland voters voted against leaving Campbell Union High School District to form a combined unified district, and voted to remain in separate elementary and high school districts. At the current time, there has been no interest presented to either the Moreland School District or the Campbell Union High School District by their respective communities.

Recommendation 1b:

The Boards of Trustees should unify Lakeside Joint School District, Loma Prieta Joint Union School District, Los Gatos Union School District and Saratoga Union School District with Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District.

Response:

This recommendation does not apply to the Moreland School District.

Recommendation 1c:

The Boards of Trustees should unify Cupertino Union School District and Sunnyvale School District with Fremont Union High School District.

Response:

This recommendation does not apply to the Moreland School District.

Recommendation 1d:

The Boards of Trustees should unify Los Altos School District and Mountain View Whisman School District with Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

Response:

This recommendation does not apply to the Moreland School District.

Recommendation 1e:

The Boards of Trustees should consolidate Alum Rock Union School District and Mount Pleasant School District to form a new elementary/middle school district.

Response:

This recommendation does not apply to the Moreland School District.

Recommendation 1f: The Boards of Trustees should consolidate Berryessa Union School District and Orchard School District to form a new elementary/middle school district.

Response:

This recommendation does not apply to the Moreland School District.