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Angie M. Cardoza, Foreperson 2009-2010 Civil Grand Jury
Superior Court Building
191 North First Street
San Jose, California 95113

July 26, 2010

Re: Grand Jury Report Dated June 18, 2010 – Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation

Dear Angie M. Cardoza and Members of the Civil Grand Jury:

The report seems to accurately portray the process of consolidation. Inaccuracies in the stated number of Board members and administrators for Santa Clara Unified School District exist in the Grand Jury report.

The recommendations for consolidation do not include Santa Clara Unified, but parenthetically, SCUSD is included within the statement: "Interviewees advised that a population ranging from 15,000 to 30,000 is optimum."

Generally, we view the recommendations as:

- Economically viable
- Managerially provocative
- Politically, somewhere between improbable and impossible.

Sincerely,

Steve Stavis, Superintendent

Andrew Ratermann, Board President

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