



# UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara  
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Honorable Jaime Jacobs-May  
Presiding Judge  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
191 N. First Street  
San Jose, California 95113

Re: Civil Grant Jury Report, "Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation"

Honorable Judge Jacobs-May:

On behalf of the Union School District, we have prepared the following responses to the questions in your letter to Ms. Brown, Board President, and the Board of Trustees.

Should you have any questions related to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 377-8010 ext. 4201.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline M. Horejs, Ed.D.  
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Enclosure

cc: Vickie Brown, Board President

**UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations**  
**“Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation”**  
**September 2010**

**Finding 1**

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

Union Elementary School District disagrees with this finding. There **may** be a financial benefit to consolidation of some districts, but an extensive analysis would need to be done in order to determine whether or not there might be efficiencies of scale in some, but not all, districts. To date, there is no research to substantiate that there is an educational benefit to consolidation and unification.

**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.*

Union Elementary School District disagrees and believes that this is a community decision. Local communities had a unification election in the 1990's which was unsuccessful, and there is no indication that another attempt would garner community support.

**Recommendations 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.*

Not applicable. This recommendation requires further analysis by the respective governing boards of those districts.

**Recommendation 1C**

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

Not applicable. This recommendation requires further analysis by the respective governing boards of those districts.

**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.*

Not applicable. This recommendation requires further analysis by the respective governing boards of those districts.

**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.*

Not applicable. This recommendation requires further analysis by the respective governing boards of those districts.

**Recommendation 1F**

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

Not applicable. This recommendation requires further analysis by the respective governing boards of those districts.