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NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Honorable Francisca P. Tisher
Presiding Judge--Napa County Superior Court
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Judge Tisher:

This letter is written as a response from the Napa Valley Unified School District to the recommendations of the 2006-2007 Grand Jury dating back to the Grand Jury investigations of the prior two years.

The Napa Valley Unified School District appreciates the 2006-2007 Grand Jury's finding that, "*After reviewing the NVUSD response to the 2005-2006 Grand Jury and interviewing the NVUSD Superintendent and Interim Director of Student Services, the 2006-2007 Grand Jury found that NVUSD has made a concerted effort to address and correct all issues that were brought forward by the former Grand Jury.*"

The district has also strived to use all Grand Jury feedback from the past several years to ensure that we are improving our systems related to middle and high school safety issues. The 2006-2007 Grand Jury did make one recommendation to which it asked the district's Superintendent to respond.

2006-2007 Grand Jury Recommendation 2(b): "*In light of recent violent acts which have occurred on high school and college campuses elsewhere, this Grand Jury recommends that NVUSD make a concerted effort to secure funding for an additional SRO for the 2007-2008 school year.*"

NVUSD Response: The district is in agreement with the Grand Jury that School Resource Officers (SRO's) are effective on a variety of levels in our secondary schools and that finding the funding to support another SRO is a high priority.

Contact has been made with a local foundation that a Grand Jury member believed had indicated an interest in supporting this program. The district is also tracking potential new state funding, was removed from the state budget, and has co-funded a grant writer with the Napa County Office of Education who has been asked to make additional funding for an SRO a top priority.

It should be noted that SRO's are equally funded in Napa by district grant money and the Napa Police Department. The Napa Police Department has no additional resources for SRO's at this time and funding for the city's share of any increases must also be found.

Sincerely,

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