

Calistoga Joint Unified School District

June 23, 2008

The Honorable Francisca P. Tisher The Honorable Raymond A Guadagni Presiding Judges 2007/2008 Superior Court of the State of California County of Napa 825 Brown Street Napa, CA 94559

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Dear Judges Tisher and Guadagni:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District has received and reviewed the 2007-2008 Grand Jury report on the Napa County Office of Emergency Services and provides the response to Recommendation #1, as requested.

Recommendation 1:

"C.E.R.T. training be implemented in Napa County high schools and middle schools."

Response to Recommendation 1:

The District agrees with the recommendation for students over 18 years of age and will encourage those students to take the training voluntarily on non-school days. To motivate these students to take the training, the District will allow these training hours to be counted toward the mandatory community service hours required for graduation from Calistoga High School.

With regard to students under the age of 16, the current practice in Napa County is that no one under the age of 16 is allowed to take the training, so those students in middle school and the lower high school grades would not have C.E.R.T. as an option unless this practice is changed.

Students over 16 and under the age of 18 are allowed to take the training but must attend with a parent/guardian. These students will be encouraged to take C.E.R.T. training with their parents on non-school days, just as those students over the age of 18.

Given the academic demands of the State accountability program and our own curricular requirements, we have determined that such training should not replace 16 hours of classroom instruction.

Respectfully submitted.

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