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Dear Judge Kroyer:

This letter is written as a response from the Napa Valley Unified School District to an investigation and subsequent recommendations provided by the Napa County Grand Jury in its 2009-2010 report.

Summary/Background:

In order fulfill the Grand Jury's mandate to investigate all branches of government; to be assured they are being administered efficiently, honestly, and the best interest of Napa County's citizens; the 2009-2010 Grand Jury investigated education with relation to the interests of providing proper educational activities within the Napa Valley Unified School District for troubled youth.

NVUSD's Response to 2009-2010 Grand Jury Findings related to providing course work for minors incarcerated at Juvenile Hall in a timely matter.

Finding #2: There is no re-entry counseling for minors returning to NVUSD schools from NCJH

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendation #2:

NVUSD, in conjunction with NCJH personnel, establish and implement a re-entry program for youth returning from Juvenile Hall.

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

We are in agreement with the recommendation that a re-entry program would be valuable. The suggested implementation of the following procedures at all NVUSD middle and high school sites, in conjunction with the NCJH staff would address the grand jury recommendation:

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Please note: There are only a small number (30-40) of total NVUSD students each school year who might fall into these circumstances.

Initial incarceration of students would trigger assigned Probation officers to inform parents to request student's homework. It would be solely the responsibility of the parent to follow through with that request with the child's school, and bring any such work to Juvenile Hall for completion. *Note: EC 48913 indicates: "The teacher of any class from which a pupil is suspended may require the suspended pupil to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension."*

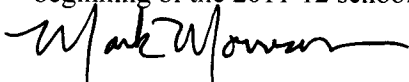
Upon release from incarceration, the Juvenile Hall (Crossroads) classroom staff will fax to the student's NVUSD school dean or middle school assistant principal, the name of the student, birth date, and any course completion hours the student has achieved while there. The Crossroads staff will in addition instruct students that for re entry to their regular school, they and their parent need to first meet with the Assistant Principal or Dean for re entry.

The fax to the Dean's office or Assistant Principal, will trigger acknowledgement of the student's release, and return to the school.

At the time of the Dean or Assistant Principal meeting with the parent and student, they make arrangements for the student and parent to meet with the student's School Counselor to review, within 5 days of return, each student's current class standing, hours earned in courses at NCJH, current transcript, and develop/implement necessary plans with the student's teachers for supportive accommodations toward the success of those students. Counselors will be responsible for emailing the student's teachers any update of those plans. Documentation and details of re entry meetings with Counselors will be placed in the students AERIES data base.

If a student has garnered actual high school credits in classes while at NCJH, the NCOE staff, when those credits are compiled in transcript form, will fax to the student's school, this accounting for their records.

The NVUSD Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor will facilitate the planning and discussion between NCJH, NCOE and NVUSD during the 2010-11 school year, with the intention of implementing a program by the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.



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