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To: Grand Jury

From: Rachel Zinn, Superintendent

Date: October 18, 2016

Re: Grand Jury Report No. 1615 “Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools?”

The information below is in response to your letter dated October 11, 2016 pertaining to the Grand Jury Report No. 1615 “Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools?”.

The letter requests a response to the following findings and recommendations:

- Findings: 3, 4, 6-10, 13-16
- Recommendations: 6, 9, 12, 14

Findings

In accordance with Section 933.05(a) the Lafayette School District agrees with findings F3, F4, F6-10, and F 13-16.

Recommendations

In accordance with Section 933.05(b) the Lafayette School District’s response to the recommendations are as follows:

R6: The recommendation requires further analysis. The Lafayette School District is not familiar with the *Attendance Works* program. The district will review the information provided on *Attendance Works* website by January 2017.

R9: The recommendation has been implemented. The district communicates with the community on the importance for students to regularly attend class to obtain optimum education possible.

R12: The recommendation has been implemented. Each of our school sites has designated staff who review reports from the district database program *Aeries*.

R14: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The Lafayette School District is fortunate that chronic absences do not exist throughout the district. Also, many of our families provide the ADA costs that the district loses when their student(s) are absent.