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Hon. Charles W. Campbell, Presiding Judge  
VENTURA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
800 South Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, California 93009

Re: Response to 1997-1998 Grand Jury Report  
"School Bond Measures"

Dear Judge Campbell:

Pursuant to the July 15, 1998 direction of Richard Dean, County Clerk, the Ventura Unified School District (the "District") responds to the Grand Jury's July 1, 1998 report entitled "School Bond Measures" ("the Report").

The information in the Report is accurate. The Grand Jurors who did the investigation took considerable time to understand very complicated issues regarding law and public bond finance. The one fact which is critical of the District in the Report was something that the District had discovered and corrected prior to the Grand Jury investigation. That circumstance occurred when about \$4,100 in District funds were used to pay for campaign material in the Yes on Measure M campaign. That money was reimbursed with interest by the private group known as the "Yes on Measure M Committee."

#### CONCLUSION

The Grand Jury recommendations had already been implemented before the Grand Jury did its investigation. The District had already arrived at the same conclusions and therefore has no disagreement with the Report.

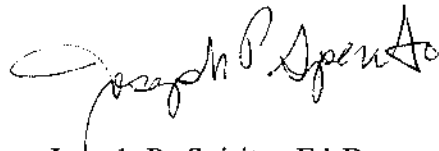
The Report recommends "That school districts be aware of the new law, Senate Bill 82 and its consequences, including other laws concerning this subject." In response to that

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recommendation I can assure the Grand Jury and the public that the District and its employees are very aware of that law and that we will do everything within our powers to follow such bond campaign rules in any future bond campaign.

Yours Truly,

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**



Joseph P. Spirito, Ed.D.  
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Richard Dean, County Clerk  
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