



Santa Paula Elementary School District

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Dr. Donald W. Thibeault, Foreman
1997/98 Ventura County Grand Jury
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Following the investigation and interviews by the Grand Jury, I reviewed the introduction inquiry and findings regarding the Santa Paula Elementary School Board and found them accurate. That response was forwarded on April 23, 1998.

On May 11, 1998, the district received two copies of the Grand Jury Report with notice that a response was required within ninety days.

The response to the Grand Jury was prepared before August 11, 1998 in anticipation of Board approval for a revised policy and to comply with the required timeline; it was to have been mailed the day after our August 11 Board meeting. However, we can find no record of our response to the Grand Jury. The responsibility for forwarding the final response rested with me; if you did not receive a copy and we cannot find one, it apparently was not completed. However, the Grand Jury's recommendations were complied with.

Attached please find the documents that manifest the changes which have been implemented in our district procedures regarding Board members.

In response to the 1997/98 Grand Jury recommendation that the district immediately establish a policy for attendance at training sessions specifically geared to interpretation and understanding of the Education Code, two changes were made: 1) On June 25, the business department was provided with a procedure for paying the monthly stipend based upon Board members attendance; 2) On August 11 was the final reading and adoption of our Board Bylaw 9230 revised to specify orientation and training.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Bruington
Superintendent

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Enclosures (3)

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| THILLE SCHOOL
933-5372 | WEBSTER SCHOOL
933-5315 | CHILD CARE SERVICES
933-5375 | SPECIAL EDUCATION
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| SUPERINTENDENT
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