

RIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter dated August 7, 2003, please accept the following response on behalf of the Rio School District. Since being appointed Superintendent on July 1, 2003, I have worked closely with representatives from the County to clear up any misunderstandings. We are also currently working on providing for the three recommendations as noted below.

In response to the Grand Jury Conclusions:

C-1. Respectfully Disagree - The County did not object to a 50-50 sharing of costs. They, in fact, provided a lump sum payment to the district for anticipated costs in March of 2001. Nonetheless, there was difficulty in getting clear expenditure information from the District administration at the time. Therefore, no budget was completed.

C-2. Agree. The District and the County did not develop an explicit Master Calendar of Events for the 2002-2003 school year.

C-3. Agree. No specific agreements have been voted on at this time.

C-4. Respectfully Disagree. The District and the County have not had any disagreements that have put at risk the gym's use for children. The District and the County have placed a number of athletic and recreational programs for children into the gym since 2001 and will continue to do so.

Findings.

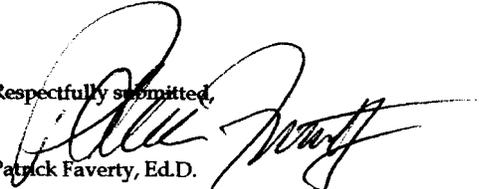
- F-1. Agree
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F-8. The District and the County agree in part with the finding. There were occasions when the District and the County had difficulties in agreeing on which programs would use the gym and consideration was given to amending the allocation method for operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. These situations prompted discussions about amending the existing Joint Use Agreement (JUA) to address these issues. Although the discussions did not result in an amendment to the JUA, the District and the County did agree on which programs would use the gym. In addition, in March 2001, the County pre-paid its maximum share of the O&M costs from when the gym opened in 2001 until sometime in fiscal year 2003-04.

Recommendations:

- R-1. The recommendation is scheduled for implementation by October 15, 2003.
- R-2. The recommendation is scheduled for implementation by August 31, 2003.
(Both parties have reached agreement on Master Schedule)
- R-3. The recommendation will be implemented by December 31, 2003 if needed.

Respectfully submitted,


Patrick Faverty, Ed.D.