



August 29, 2012

Ventura County Grand Jury  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Response Follow-up from the Mesa Union School District to the Grand Jury Report: Earthquake Safety in the Classroom

Members of the Ventura County Grand Jury:

Our sincere apologies for not responding to your request in a timely manner, during the past few months our school has been in transition of administration that resulted in a delay to our response. As requested in your letter dated May 31 2012 regarding the Mesa Union School District's response to the Ventura County Earthquake Safety in the Classroom, following are the revised responses:

**Findings:**

**FI-01-**The Mesa Union School District concurs that each district and VCOE have a current Earthquake and Disaster Plan and a Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

**FI-02-**The Mesa Union School District concurs that each EDP requires "duck and cover" drills to be conducted each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once a semester in secondary schools.

**FI-03-**The Mesa Union School District concurs that emergency provisions such as food, water, communications, and medical supplies are recommended for all schools.

**FI-04-**The Mesa Union School District agrees that we inspect school rooms on a regular basis for safety hazards. Inspections are conducted by school personnel, VCSSFA, and, at times, by the local fire department.

**Recommendations:**

**R-01-**The Mesa Union School District currently has CSPP and EOP plans in place and will continue to review and update the plan annually.

**R-02-**The Mesa Union School District will continue to conduct safety drills and safety inspections on a regular basis

**R-04-**The Mesa Union School District has purchased and maintains required sufficient food, water, communication equipment and medical provisions. They will continue to maintain these emergency supplies and equipment.

Thank you for the opportunity for the Mesa Union School District to review and respond to the Grand Jury on this topic. If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me via phone (805-485-1411) or via email (rhowatt@mesaschool.org).

Sincerely,

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Principal

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