



RECEIVED

MAY 28 2014

VENTURA COUNTY
GRAND JURY

Board of Trustees:

Noel Cananag

Rick Murray

Susan Nemets

Steve Sullivan

Judith Thielemann

Superintendent

Dr. Michael Babb

Principal

Ryan Howatt

"We teach students to create, connect, and collaborate—for life!"

DATE: May 21, 2014
TO: Honorable Brian J. Back, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
FROM: Michael Babb, Ed.D.
RE: Public Charter Schools Processes

Thank you for sending the document, *Ventura County Grand Jury Final Report—Public Charter School Processes*. The following is Mesa Union's response to the report's findings and recommendations:

Findings:

- We agree with the findings numbered *FI-03 and FI-09*.
- We disagree partially with the findings numbered *FI-06 and FI-07*
It may be true that in general charter schools do not use websites to report complete and/or accurate financial and program data; however, the GVCS web site includes links to most current School Accountability Report Card and board agendas with monthly fiscal reports.

Recommendations:

- Recommendations numbered *R-02, R-03 and R-04* have been implemented.
The superintendent of the authorizing district routinely monitors the GVCS web site to ensure complete and accurate program and fiscal information is updated. The district offers the charter school as an educational option to students. The charter school endeavors to encourage and track parental involvement, as evidenced in their SARC and LCAP.
- Recommendation numbered *R-01* has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
The district will partner with the Ventura County Office of Education, which is preparing standards for the websites for all charter schools operating in the County, and apply standards when monitoring the charter school website.

Date May 21, 2014

Signed 

Superintendent and secretary to the board of trustees