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VENTURA COUNTY  
GRAND JURY

The Honorable Brian J. Back  
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800 S. Victoria Avenue  
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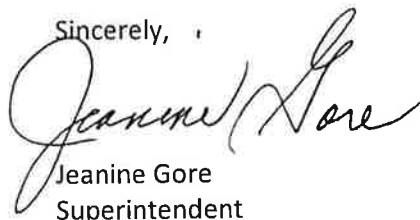
Honorable Brian J. Back:

**RE: GRAND JURY REPORT: PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS PROCESSES**

Attached please find the response from the Mupu Elementary School District to the Grand Jury report entitled "Public Charter Schools Processes".

The Governing Board of Trustees approved the District's response on June 18, 2014.

Sincerely,



Jeanine Gore  
Superintendent

Cc: Foreperson, Ventura County Grand Jury  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
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## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Public Charter Schools Processes

Report Date: April 21, 2014

Response by: Jeanine Gore

Title: Superintendent, Mupu Elementary

### FINDINGS

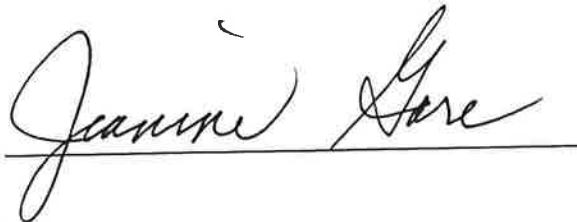
- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-03, FI-04, FI-06, FI-07
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendations numbered R-04 have been implemented  
*(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)*
- Recommendations numbered R-01, R-02, R-03 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future  
*(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: June 18, 2014

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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## MUPU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Response to Grand Jury Report Form Statements to Findings and Recommendations PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS PROCESSES April 21, 2014

**FINDINGS:** District agrees with findings FI-03, FI-04, FI-06, FI-07

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED:**

**R-04: The Grand Jury recommends that school districts in the County as well as the VCBOE continue to offer and support charter schools as an educational option for students.(FI-01, FI-02)**

The Mupu Elementary School District will continue to offer and support charter schools as an educational option for students. The District has authorized two non-classroom based charter schools: Academy of Arts and Sciences Thousand Oaks/Simi Valley and Academy of Arts and Sciences Oxnard/Ventura.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED, BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE:**

**R-01: The Grand Jury recommends that the VCBOE, in cooperation with other chartering entities in the County, issue standards for the websites of all chartered schools in the County. Standards should include uniform reporting of the monies spent per student, and current and accurate SARC/API results. (FI-06, FI-07)**

This recommendation will be implemented with assistance from the Ventura County of Education. It is the District's understanding that the Ventura County Office of Education will develop a template of uniform standards. Mupu Elementary School District will request charter schools authorized by the District to implement the uniform reporting standards. Anticipated implementation: School Year 2014-15.

**R-02: The Grand Jury recommends that the chartering entity monitor each charter school's website for compliance and accuracy with the adopted standards. (F1-05, F1-06, FI-07)**

This recommendation will be implemented. It is the District's understanding that the Ventura County Office of Education, in collaboration with county districts, will create recommendations as to the best authorizing practices. Anticipated implementation: School Year 2014-15

**R-03: The Grand Jury recommends that all charter schools, especially those with historically low parental involvement, make every effort to encourage, define, and track parental involvement. (FI-03)**

The two charter schools authorized by the Mupu Elementary School District have a parent involvement component, but there may not be a formal tracking of parental involvement data. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly "enrichment days", trainings for "learning coaches", and to accompany their children on field trips. The District will share best practices developed by the Ventura County Office of Education, in collaboration with local districts, with the charters. Anticipated implementation: School Year 2014-15.