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John B. Todd, Foreperson
Riverside County Grand Jury
P. O. Box 829
Riverside, CA 92502

Subject: 2007-08 Grand Jury Report: San Jacinto Valley Academy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Todd:

The Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) is in receipt of the Riverside County Grand Jury report on the San Jacinto Valley Academy. Because RCOE is not the authorizing agency with direct oversight responsibility for this charter school, we have no actual basis for agreeing or disagreeing with this report. However, provided with the information in this report, we acknowledge our responsibility under Education Code 1241.5(c) to ensure that an audit is conducted to make certain that no "fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices have occurred that merit examination." Therefore, we are working collaboratively with the chartering agency for the Academy - the San Jacinto Unified School District - supporting their oversight authority and monitoring the focused audit of the charter school that they are conducting.

Once the audit being conducted by San Jacinto Unified School District is completed, RCOE will support the district in taking corrective action, if necessary. Should it be determined that a second focused audit needs to be completed of the Academy's fiscal practices in order to ensure that no "fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices have occurred that merit examination," RCOE will have the audit completed not later than October 6, 2008.

Sincerely,

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