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The Honorable Richard Todd Fields Presiding Judge, Riverside Superior Court P.O. Box 431 Riverside, CA 92501

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Re: Response of the Riverside County Office of Education to 2006-07 Grand Jury Report: Moreno Valley Unified School District – School Bus Contracts

Dear Judge Fields:

24980 Las Brisas Road Murrieta, California 92562

On June 12, 2007, The Riverside County Office of Education ("RCOE") received the report prepared by the Riverside County Grand Jury ("Grand Jury") concerning the Moreno Valley Unified School District ("District") and its practices of contracting for school bus services. The report of the Grand Jury contained findings and recommendations solely applicable to and within the authority of the District. Moreover, the RCOE has limited statutory authority to address any of the findings or recommendations specific to this Grand Jury report.

Under California law, a primary aim of the RCOE is to support the administrative soundness of school districts. This support can be provided in the areas identified in the report of the Grand Jury. Therefore, the RCOE is committed to working collaboratively with the District, should it determine that such administrative expertise and support would be beneficial to its operations.

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