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David F. Thorman, AIA
State Architect of California
1102 Q Street, Suite 5100
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Mr. Thorman:

Subject: La Grange Elementary School District

The California Department of Education (CDE) has received the enclosed Grand Jury report on a variety of findings related to La Grange Elementary School District.

The CDE Legal Division has recommended that four of these issues are for the School Facilities Planning Division to address. However, findings 1 and 2 are matters that are within the Division of the State Architect authority. The CDE is forwarding this report to you for your action.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Waters, Senior Architect, School Facilities Planning Division, at (916) 327-2884 or by e-mail at dwaters@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathleen J. Moore".

Kathleen J. Moore, Director
School Facilities Planning Division

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cc: Judith Mahan, Foreperson, Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury



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June 18, 2008

Ms. Judith C. Mahan, Foreperson
Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 3387
Modesto, California 95353

Re: La Grange Elementary School District

Dear Ms. Mahan:

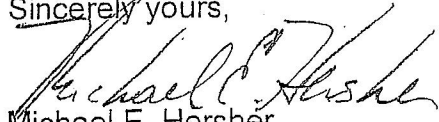
Your letter of June 5, 2008 and the attached report of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury regarding the La Grange Elementary School District has been referred to this office for response. The findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury invoke the jurisdiction of the California Department of Education (CDE) in several areas. I will therefore refer the report to the appropriate CDE divisions to be treated as compliance complaints as follows:

1. Finding 1: ~~School Facilities Division~~ for communication with the Division of the State Architect of the Department of General Services
2. Finding 2: ~~School Facilities Division~~
3. Finding 3: ~~School Facilities Division~~
4. Finding 4: Categorical Programs Complaint Management Division
5. Finding 5: Special Education Division
6. Finding 6: ~~School Facilities Division~~ upon notice from the Stanislaus County Office of Education
7. Finding 7: Policy and Evaluation Division
8. Finding 8: School Fiscal Services Division and Audit & Investigations Division
9. Finding 9: This is a local personnel matter.
10. Findings 10-12: Local governance matters.

Thank you for bringing these public education matters to our attention. Each of the responsible divisions will conduct an appropriate inquiry and order corrective actions if necessary.

Ms. Judith C. Mahan
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Sincerely yours,



Michael E. Hersher
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