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David R. Higgins
Grand Jury
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Dear Mr. Higgins:

In the 2006-2007 San Diego County Grand Jury report, a recommendation was made for the Grossmont Union High School District to consider the need for reinstating the position of Safe School Coordinator and seek all possible funding from the from the State and Local governments to support this program. The Safe School Coordinator position was originally funded from AB 1113 money (School Violence Prevention Grant) in July of 1999. Coordinators were placed on campuses from 2000 – 2003. After School Resource Officers were placed on every campus in the District, it was determined that there was an overlap in services between the two programs and the Safe School Coordinator position was discontinued. Currently most of the School Violence Prevention Grant pays for School Resource Officers on campuses.

In response to the Grand Jury recommendation, the job description that was used for the Safe School Coordinator position was analyzed. From there, it was determined where all of those job responsibilities have been distributed. Below, please find each of the job duties and who has taken responsibility for that duty in italics.

- 1) Advise administration on issues, policies, and practices related to school safety and security. *School Resource Officer, Director of Student Support Services*
- 2) Meet with and provide paraprofessional-level advice to students who are identified as at-risk with respect to violent, criminal, or self-destructive behavior. *Counselor, Assistant Principal, Family Resource Center Coordinators*
- 3) Interface with campus supervisors to promote interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, investigative techniques, and the full array of campus

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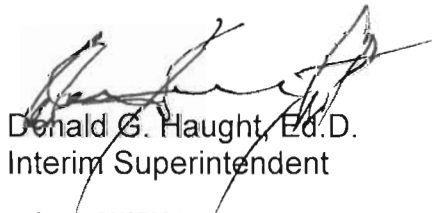
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- management responsibilities. *School Resource Officers, Lead Campus Supervisor*
- 4) Establish and maintain a link with law enforcement and appropriate social service agencies. *School Resource Officer, Probation Officer, Resource Center Coordinator*
 - 5) Support attendance initiatives by assisting existing efforts and implementing new methods for promoting increased student attendance. *Assistant Principal, Probation Officer, Director of Alternative Education, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance, Dropout Prevention Specialist*
 - 6) Coordinate workshops and informational meetings and assist in the training of staff in a variety of techniques designed to diffuse conflict, identify sources of potential violence, manage crises, and promote a positive atmosphere in the classroom and on campus. *Director of Alternative Education, School Resource Officer, Director of Student Support Services, Assistant Principal*
 - 7) Meet regularly with participants who are involved with the Safe School Plan: coordinate Safe School site budget to meet Federal, State, and District guidelines. *Director of Student Support Services, Director of Alternative Education*
 - 8) Monitor District and site coordinated compliance review requirements related to assigned areas. *Assistant Principals, Director of Student Support Services*
 - 9) Perform other related duties as required.

Because the job duties of the Safe School Coordinator are currently still included in existing jobs on district campuses, it is believed that the configuration that has been established in the Grossmont Union High School District meets the safety needs of its students and campuses in a more efficient manner.

Sincerely,



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