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The Honorable John S. Einhorn
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
220 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Judge Einhorn:

RE: PROPOSITION 227 AT CASTLE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This letter is sent in response to the San Diego County Grand Jury 2004-2005 Report: PROPOSITION 227 AT CASTLE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (filed with the Clerk of the Court and released to the public on May 17, 2005).

The Chula Vista Elementary School District offers the following comments in response to the Grand Jury report as required by law:

- 05-11: Provide the District's Board of Education more in-depth information on what Proposition 227 is all about and how it fits in with the other English Learners Programs in the District.**

Comment: *The Chula Vista Elementary School District agrees with the recommendation. The recommendation has been implemented and a presentation on the English Learner Master Plan was made to the Board of Education on November 16, 2004. At that time each member of the Board was also provided with a copy of the Plan that details how Prop. 227 interfaces with programs for English Learners.*

- 05-12: Support the Principal at Castle Park Elementary School with expanded efforts in educating the parents of English Learners at the school.**

Comment: *Mr. Ollie Matos, principal of Castle Park Elementary School during the term of the Grand Jury's inquiry, has accepted a promotional opportunity in another school district. A new principal, who has had extensive experience designing and implementing programs for the parents of English Learners, will assume responsibility for the school on August 17, 2005. He will deepen the work begun by Mr. Matos and will receive direct service and support from the District Office.*

- 05-13: Direct its Department of Language Acquisition and Development to establish a timely training program for principals where the English Learner Master Plan can be presented and disseminated.**

Comment: *The Department of Language Acquisition and Development will provide an in-depth training for principals on August 31, 2005 where the English Learner Master Plan*

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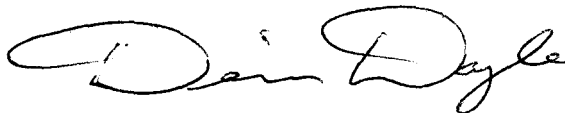
will be thoroughly presented and disseminated. The Department is restructuring to provide ongoing support in this regard to principals.

05-14: Direct the Principal of Castle Park Elementary School to provide school administrative staff with sufficient training on Proposition 227 to further assist them in working with English Learners and their parents(s)/guardian.

Comment: *The new principal of Castle Park Elementary School will receive immediate and direct support from the Executive Director of the Language Acquisition and Development Department to ensure that all administrative staff at the school are sufficiently trained on Prop. 227 in order to assist them in their work with English Learners and their parent(s)/guardians.*

We acknowledge the commendations provided in the Grand Jury Report and we appreciate the opportunity to improve upon our services to English Learners and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis M. Doyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

Dennis M. Doyle, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent
Operations Services and Support