

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer
By: Michael E. Paddock, Senior Management Analyst

DATE: June 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Grand Jury – Final Report 2006-07 – Auburn Union School District

Action Requested:

Approve the Board of Supervisor's response to the 2006-07 Final Report of the Grand Jury related to the Auburn Union School District – E.V. Cain Middle School and authorize your Chairman to sign the response.

Background:

On March 7, 2007 the 2006-07 Placer County Grand Jury issued its Final Report concerning school related vehicle traffic and disruption of Library operations and services by a number of students of the nearby E.V. Cain Middle School and their parents. The Report concludes that the Library has become a student drop-off and after-school pick-up point for some of the students by parents in their vehicles. This has created a level of disruption in the services offered by the Library because customers of the Library may find limited or no available parking particularly in the afternoon when students are dismissed by the school beginning at 2:25 PM. The Library property and grounds are also affected by this practice and activity as some of the students trample the grounds of the Library, leave trash, and in some cases engage in disruptive behavior and language that may be offensive to library customers. The Report offers several recommendations including a Task Force led by the School District, school based activities to re-direct students that do not wish to use the Library services in an appropriate manner and a study and review of the parking capacity and traffic circulation.

The Board of Supervisors is identified as a respondent to this Final Report of the Grand Jury and it is required to submit its response within ninety days. The recommended response from your Board is attached to this memorandum for your review and approval. A full copy of the Final Report of the Grand Jury is also attached for your information and reference.

Fiscal Impact:

If the recommendations of the Report are implemented there may be some initial but minor expenses of the Task Force that is led by the School District.

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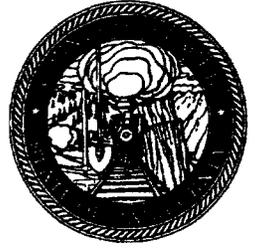
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The Honorable Larry Gaddis
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Placer
101 Maple Street
Auburn CA 95603

Dear Judge Gaddis:

I am pleased to submit the approved response of the Board of Supervisors to the conclusions and recommendations contained in the 2006 – 2007 Final Report of the Grand Jury related to the Auburn Union School District. The Board has carefully considered the recommendations contained in the report and have consulted the County Executive Officer in this matter to help formulate an appropriate response. The Board has also reviewed and considered the responses of the Director of Library Services, the Chief Probation Officer and the Director of Risk Management – Deputy CEO to better understand the impacts to the Library facility, grounds and its operations from students of the E.V. Cain School as they enter and leave school from the unofficial drop-off location of the Library. The specific responses of the Board are listed below.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Placer County Grand Jury recommends the following:

1. The Auburn Union School District lead a Task Force.

Response:

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation and also encourages the Auburn Union School District to implement the establishment of the Task Force.

2. Members of the Task Force should be:

- Auburn Police Chief
- Chief Probation Officer of the Placer County Probation Department
- Director of Risk Management, Placer County Executive Office
- Director of Library Services, Placer County Library
- Auburn Union School District Superintendent or Designee as Task Force Leader

- Placer County Office of Education Designee (as needed)
- A Parent from the E.V. Cain Parent Teacher Club
- A student from the E.V. Cain leadership or student council (optional)

The objective of the Task Force should be to formulate, implement, and monitor a plan that would solve problems caused by School students and parents on Library grounds.

Response:

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation regarding the composition of the Task Force including representatives from the County. The Board also agrees with the stated objectives of the Task Force and would support implementation of this recommendation.

10. The Task Force should be formed and fully operating no later than August 1, 2007.

Response:

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation and it supports any efforts to implement the operational date of the Task Force no later than August 1, 2007, or earlier if possible and feasible.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kranz, Chairman,
Placer County Board of Supervisors

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