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Mendocino Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 629  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Grand Jury Foreperson:

In response to the Grand Jury Report entitled "~~Middling Through: A Report on Four Mendocino County Middle Schools~~" dated May 12, 2009, my responses are as follows:

### Findings

I agree with the findings numbered: 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 66, 72, 85

I disagree either wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 43

43. Partially disagree, as the Emergency Response Plan is consistent with MCOE guidelines. I agree that the plan lacks a media directory.

### Recommendations

8. MCOE will continue to provide on-going teacher and administrative training opportunities throughout the year to all school districts. MCOE is promoting the concept of small independent learning communities which are being piloted throughout the county.
9. MCOE has recently brought back the county-wide technology committee that will provide training opportunities, share best practices and it will provide a support network for the smaller rural school districts with limited resources.

MCOE has applied for E-Rate funding which will increase internet access capabilities at all schools in Mendocino County.

This completes my responses to the report, if I can be of further assistance, please contact my office at 467-5001.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Tichinin  
County Superintendent of Schools

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