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## **REPORT TRANSMITTAL AND REQUEST FOR RESPONSES - FORMAT**

June 17, 2008

Paul Tichinin, Superintendent  
Mendocino County Office of Education  
2240 Old River Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: Report Titled ***“Hoops Now! Fort Bragg Alternative Schools!”***  
Dated: **June 17, 2008**

Attached is a copy of the above report by the 2007-08 Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury. Penal Code §933.05(f) specifically prohibits disclosure of the contents of this report by a public agency or its officers or governing body prior to the release to the public. You will be notified when the report is released to the press. This will occur no sooner than two (2) days after the date of this letter.

Response to Grand Jury Reports is required pursuant to Penal Code §933.05 (copy enclosed). Penal Code §933.05 also requires that your response to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the report be in writing and that it be submitted within **60 days for elected officials** or within **90 days for appointed officials and governing bodies** (including such entities as school boards and the Board of Supervisors). The Penal Code is specific as to the format of responses. The enclosed Response to Grand Jury Report Form should be used.

Please send response as an e-mailed attachment to: the Grand Jury Foreman at [grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us) with copies to the Presiding Judge at [grandjury@co.mendocino.courts.ca.gov](mailto:grandjury@co.mendocino.courts.ca.gov) and to the Chief Executive Officer at: [millerd@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:millerd@co.mendocino.ca.us) . **Please also send one signed hard copy to:**

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

Your responses should follow the following format : \* SEE ATTACHED REPORT  
**Findings** unable to respond to: 97, 98

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 86-96, 99-101

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are  
disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

**Recommendations**

\* SEE ATTACHED REPORT

Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
have been implemented. (attach a summary describing the  
implemented actions.)

Recommendations numbered: 1 and 2  
have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the  
future. (attach a time frame for planned implementation)

Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
require further analysis. (attach an explanation and the scope,  
parameters, and timeframe of the planned analysis including  
discussion and approval by the officer and/or director of the agency  
or department being investigated or reviewed and/or the governing  
body of the public agency when applicable. This time frame shall  
not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand  
Jury Report

Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are  
not deemed reasonable. (attach an explanation.)

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be  
posted on the Grand Jury website: [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury/](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury/) The clerk of the  
responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

Date: 8/12/08 Signed:  # of Pages 5

Should you have any questions, please contact me at  
[grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us) or at the address above.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis Scales, 2007-08 Foreman

## RESPONSE PROCEDURE TO GRAND JURY REPORTS

The governance of responses to Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Appointed officials and governing bodies (e.g., school boards or the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days; elected officials must respond within 60 days. **Please submit responses as e-mail attachments to:**

- **The Grand Jury Foreperson at:** grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- **The Presiding Judge:** grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- **The Chief Executive Officer:** [milledkm@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:milledkm@co.mendocino.ca.us)

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**Mail one signed hard copy to the Grand Jury at P.O. Box 629, Ukiah, CA 95482.**

**Report Title :** *"Hoops Now! Fort Bragg Alternative Schools!"* **Report Date :**  
June 17, 2008

**Response by:** Paul Tichinin, MCOE Superintendent **Date Due:** August 17,  
2008

### Findings

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:  
86-96, 99-101 (unable to respond to 97,98) \* SEE ATTACHED REPORT

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered:  
\_\_\_\_\_

(attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

### Recommendations

Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
have been implemented. (attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

Recommendation numbered: 1 and 2 \* SEE ATTACHED REPORT  
have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (attach a time frame for implementation)

Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
require further analysis. (attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or

reviewed. This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

- Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable. (attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/12/08 Signed: 

Number of response pages attached: 1

**Mendocino County Office of Education- Superintendent of Schools  
Responses to Grand Jury Report entitled  
"Hoops Now! Fort Bragg Alternative School"  
Report Date June 17, 2008**

**Responses to Findings 86-101**

- 86. through 96.- Agree
- 97. unable to agree or disagree (AODP will need to respond)
- 98. unable to agree or disagree (AODP will need to respond)
- 99. through 101.- Agree

**Responses to Recommendations 1 and 2**

*1. MCOE and FBUSD redefine MCOE's role in the updated Triennial Plan to ensure that FBUSD and other remote districts have access to support services, such as counseling, clean and sober classes, young parents programs and professional development for alternative school staff. (Findings 24-25, 31, 41, 77, 81, 87, 94, 95, 99-101)*

Triennial Plan to serve expelled students per Education Code 48916.1 will be updated and submitted to the California Department of Education as required by state law by June 30, 2009. Gaps in serving expelled students in the Ft. Bragg and other Mendocino County School Districts will be identified and actions to meet the needs of expelled youth will be written into the plan.

Services to pregnant and parenting teens and access to support services for non-expelled students in Alternative Education Programs are not part of the Triennial Plan for expelled youth. MCOE will facilitate discussions with Ft. Bragg and Mendocino County Agencies such as AODP, Mental Health and Juvenile Probation to identify support services for this non-expelled population.

Professional Development for Alternative Education staff is discussed in Recommendation #2.

*2. MCOE provide leadership for a professional learning community comprising all of those working in alternative education in Mendocino County, and hold at least one professional development gathering each semester and at least quarterly teleconferencing sessions; (Findings 24-25, 70, 74, 77, 86-87, 91, 93-94, 99-101)*

MCOE will host and facilitate county-wide professional development specific to Alternative Education open to Mendocino County and Regional Alternative Education administrators and teachers. Curriculum, Reading and Math intervention, instructional strategies, California High School Exit Exam Intensive Services, behavioral interventions, best practices and on-going professional development will be topics for discussion.