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Chief of Police

August 23, 2005

Hon. Clifford Anderson, Presiding Judge
Santa Barbara County Superior Court
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

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Foreperson
Santa Barbara Grand Jury
1100 Anacapa Street
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Subject: Response to the 2004-05 Grand Jury Report: The Child Not Yet left Behind Santa Barbara Community Schools

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your comprehensive overview of the status of our Community Schools. This letter concerns Finding 5, Recommendation 5b, which reads "The Probation Department, local police departments, and the County Education Office should work together to provide effective anti-truancy enforcement measures."

The Lompoc Police Department enjoys a collaborative relationship with the probation department and our local schools in addressing the problem of truancy. We recognize that community schools are a safety net for seriously at-risk students, and that anti-truancy measures are a critical factor in helping ensure those students and schools are successful.

In consultation with the probation department, our local schools and the district attorney's office we developed a daylight loitering ordinance in 1997 which specifically targeted school-aged minors who should otherwise be in school and in compliance with Education Code 48200. Since 1997 we have also participated with our schools and the district attorney's office on the truancy mediation teams, and on the school attendance review board process. As you are aware, all of these efforts are aimed at reducing truancy.

I have included for your review an overview of the truancy program statistics for all of our schools in the Lompoc Valley since 2000, including El Puente Community School. Data for 2001-02 was not available.

We appreciate and support the recommendations that have been offered to reduce truancy in our community schools. If you have any questions, require additional information, or care to discuss this matter further, please call me at (805) 875-8103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, JR.
Chief of Police

Enclosures

**Truancy Intervention and Parent Accountability Program
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El Puente

	2000-2001	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	49	----	17	18
Step 2 - After school meeting	31	3	4	2
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	7	4	4	4
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	1-Jan	1	1	5
Step 5 - Probation	1-Jan	1	----	1
Step 6 - Prosecution	2	-----		3

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Vandenberg Middle School

	2000-2001	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	63	93	90	220
Step 2 - After school meeting	15	28	30	21
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	3	10	9	8
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	1-Jan	3	3	1
Step 5 - Probation	1-Jan	4	1	1
Step 6 - Prosecution	0	2		0

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Lompoc Valley Middle School

	2000-2001	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	109	104	163	255
Step 2 - After school meeting	33	34	59	76
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	6	11	5	13
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	4-Jan	3	11	5
Step 5 - Probation	3-Jan	1	2	1
Step 6 - Prosecution	0	---		0

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Cabrillo High School

	2000-2001	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	426/12	284	165	602
Step 2 - After school meeting	58/6	92	90	102
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	17/3	17	12	22
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	2-Sep	6	3	4
Step 5 - Probation	1-Sep	4		0
Step 6 - Prosecution	1	-----		

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Lompoc High School

	2000-2001	2002-2003		2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	874	819		975	600
Step 2 - After school meeting	399	215		257	142
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	71	102		105	86
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	24-Jan	48		47	38
Step 5 - Probation	22-Jan	35		24	21
Step 6 - Prosecution	9	10		2	4

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Maple High School

	2000-2001	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	92	45	108	62
Step 2 - After school meeting	51	4	11	0
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	20	3	8	4
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	7	9	8	7
Step 5 - Probation	6	6	5	4
Step 6 - Prosecution	2	4	1	0

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El Camino Middle School

	2000-2001	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Step 1 Letter	127	106	54	81
Step 2 - After school meeting	62	38	42	20
Step 3 - Truancy Mediation	20	8	4	13
Step 4 - Truancy SARB meeting	9-Jan	2	4	0
Step 5 - Probation	0	2	---	0
Step 6 - Prosecution	0	----		0