

March 20, 2002

Honorable Rodney S. Melville  
Presiding Judge  
Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
312-C East Cook Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93456-5369

Dear Judge Melville:

**RE: Response to March 2002 Grand Jury Report**

The following is a response to the Grand Jury Report, "Criminal justice Detention Facilities Report." This response is only to the portion of the report that deals with the responsibilities of the Santa Barbara County Education Office, Finding 21 and Recommendation 21.

Finding 21: Agree with finding. Some textbooks at the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall are out-dated.

Recommendation 21: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by September 1, 2002. The Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall must update its textbooks. Although the History/Social Studies textbook adoption runs on a multi-year cycle, the books do need updating and the Instructional Materials Fund for State-Adopted Textbooks will be used to do so. The math textbook is new and the English/Language Arts book is being purchased this spring.

Thank you for the report and all the time and effort it took to complete. The recommendations are appreciated.

Sincerely,

William J. Cirone

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