



**LINCOLN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Superintendent**  
Steven A. Lowder, Ed.D.

July 21, 2010

The Honorable George J. Abdallah, Jr.  
San Joaquin County Superior Court, Department 31  
222 E. Weber Ave., Room 303  
Stockton CA 95202

**Re: District Response Regarding 2009/10 San Joaquin Grand Jury Case No. 1009**

Dear Judge Abdallah:

The 2009/10 San Joaquin County Grand Jury issued a report on June 28, 2010, regarding Case No. 1009, Public Appointment Process. While no findings or recommendations were made that specifically addressed the Lincoln Unified School District, a response from our Board of Trustees is required by law.

The District has the following policies and administrative regulations currently in force:

- Board Policy 1220, Citizen Advisory Committees
- Administrative Regulations 1220, Citizen Advisory Committees
- Board Policy 9130, Board Committees
- Board Policy 9223, Filling Vacancies
- Board Policy 9150, Student Board Member

The District annually reviews these policies and regulations to ensure that they are in compliance with State law. Additionally, we regularly consult with the California School Boards Association regarding changes in the law and recommended policy revisions.

The District has a strong culture of transparency in governance and accessibility to our community. When appointments to the Board have been required, public community forums have been held with all candidates participating. The District informs parents of forums and of Board-appointed committee openings (i.e., Bond Oversight Committee, etc.) via automated telephone and email messages, notes in school newsletters, articles in The Record, postings on our website and announcements to local housing associations.

The Lincoln Unified School District Governing Board acknowledges the recommendations of the 2009/10 San Joaquin County Grand Jury, and will continue to work diligently to actively engage our community members, monitor the success and effectiveness of any board-appointed commissions or committees, and govern with transparency and integrity.

Yours truly,

Everett L. Low  
President of the Governing Board

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