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TO:

Honorable Judge Donald Segerstron

FROM:

S. Todd Stolp M.D., Tuolumne County Health Officer

SUBJECT:

Response to the 2013-14 Tuolumne County Grand Jury Report Implementation

Review of the Public Health Department's Health Van

This letter is submitted in written response to the 2013-14 Grand Jury Final Report as it relates to the Implementation Review of the Public Health Department's Health Van. The relevant Grand Jury Finding and Recommendation are addressed below.

Findings:

F16. The Public Health Van provides a valuable service to the community.

Response: Agree. The Public Health Department appreciates the recognition that the Grand Jury Members extend to the accomplishments of the Public Health Van.

Recommendations:

R16. The Jury recommends that the Public Health Department pursue any and all grants available to continue funding the Public Health Van program.

Response: The recommendation will be implemented as staff time and fiscal resources permit. The Public Health Department continues to offer a variety of clinic services at its Cedar Road North location, which are available to students and their families. Also, there are enhanced counseling services to address students' mental health needs available at three elementary schools (Summerville, Curtis Creek, and Jamestown). In addition, the County Schools Office employs one and one-half full-time nurses and a nurse's assistant. The Public Health Department staff works with individual patients to help address health care access limitations such as transportation.