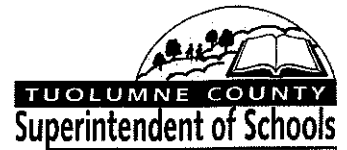


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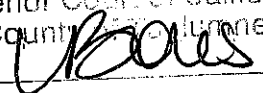
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Honorable Donald Segerstrom  
41 W. Yaney Avenue  
Sonora, CA 95370

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August 16, 2016

RE: Grand Jury Report

Superior Court of California  
County of Tuolumne  
By:  Clerk

Dear Honorable Judge Donald Segerstrom, 

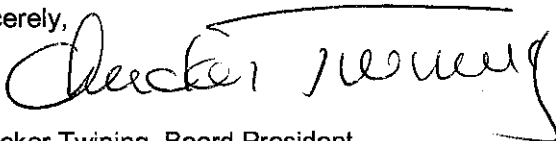
The Tuolumne County Board of Education has reviewed, at a regularly scheduled board meeting held on August 8, 2016, the Grand Jury findings and recommendations of the Ralph M. Brown Act Committee. The County Board of Education disagrees wholly or partially with the findings in that there were no 'findings' naming the Tuolumne County Board of Education. Additionally, the County Board of Education has already implemented recommendation 'R4', page 31 of the Brown Act Committee, and will continue to do so even though the County Board of Education has no leadership authority to enforce Brown Act compliance among school district boards:

**R4, page 31: *The Jury recommends that the Tuolumne County Board of Education review its leadership and educational roles in servicing the Brown Act Training needs for the school boards within Tuolumne County.***

In collaboration with the County Superintendent of Schools, the Tuolumne County Board of **Trustees have regularly arranged for training for board members from school districts within Tuolumne County, including trainings on the Brown Act and will continue to do so.** As such, the County Board of Education will host a training 'Developing the Board Agenda in Compliance with The Brown Act' on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office from 7:30am – 9:30am. With your findings and recommendations as the impetus, all district board members will be strongly encouraged to attend. A sign in sheet will be kept as a record. Mr. Tom Gauthier, from the law firm of Lozano Smith has been contracted by the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools to conduct the training. Additionally, the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools hosts a 'New Board Member Workshop' following each election season. The workshop is scheduled for January 19, 2017 at the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. The 'New Board Member Workshop' includes an overview of the Brown Act, conducted by attorney Mr. Byron Smith, specializing in education law. A sign in sheet will be kept as a record of the training.

The Tuolumne County Board of Education wishes to thank the Grand Jury for their diligent work and dedication in fulfilling their mission of service to the Court and the citizens of Tuolumne County.

Sincerely,



Chucker Twining, Board President  
Tuolumne County Board of Trustees

- C: Donald Rolle, Trustee  
Joe von Herrmann, Trustee  
Juliana Feriani, Trustee  
Ian Morcott, Trustee  
Linda Millhollin, Trustee  
Cyndi Simonson, Trustee  
Marguerite D. Bulkin, Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Ralph M. Brown Act Committee

Report Date: August 16, 2016

Response by: Chucker Twining Title: Board President, Tuolumne County Board of Education

### FINDINGS

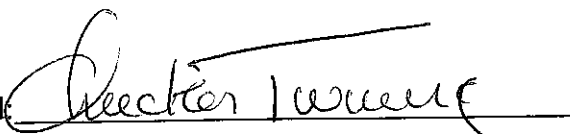
1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: Not applicable.
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: Not applicable – there were no findings in the Grand Jury’s report naming the Tuolumne County Board of Education (TCBE). The TCBE already regularly offers Brown Act training for district board members, however, the TCBE has no leadership authority to enforce Brown Act compliance among school district boards.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered R4 have been implemented.  
The Tuolumne County Board of Trustees have regularly arranged for training for board members from school districts within Tuolumne County, including trainings on the Brown Act and will continue to do so. Attached is the scheduled trainings for 2016-2017.
2. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
*(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*
3. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.  
*(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the Grand Jury report.)*
4. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
*(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: August 16, 2016

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Number of pages attached: (one): School Board Member Workshops 2016-2017



## School Board Member Workshops 2016-2017 @ TCSOS

The Tuolumne County Board of Trustees will be hosting a workshop series this year on topics relevant to the work of board members. All district board members are invited to take part in these FREE workshops.

Month	Topic	Presenter
September 22, 2016 7:30am – 9:30am @ TCSOS Room 217	Understanding Foster Youth Services	Aimee Schultz, Foster Youth Coordinator
October 13, 2016 7:30am – 9:30am @ TCSOS Room 217	Understanding Trauma Informed Practices	Mark Dyken, Jamestown Family Resource Center
November 3, 2016 7:30am – 9:30am @ TCSOS Room 217	Brown Act Compliance	Tom Gauthier, Attorney
January 19, 2017 5:00pm – 7:00pm @ TCSOS Room 217	New Board Member Workshop & Brown Act Compliance	Byron Smith, Attorney
February 16, 2016 7:30am – 9:30am @ TCSOS Room 217	Understanding LCAP and Stakeholder Input Process	Cathy Parker, Associate Superintendent
March 1, 2017 7:30am – 9:30am @ TCSOS Room 217	Ethics Training for Board Members	Diana Rappaport

Please RSVP to Toni Combs at [tcombs@tcsos.us](mailto:tcombs@tcsos.us). All meetings will take place in Room 217 at the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office, 175 Fairview Lane, Sonora.