



June 19, 2008

Mr. Jerry R. Holcombe  
Grand Jury Foreperson  
Contra Costa County Grand Jury  
725 Court Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Mr. Holcombe:

The Contra Costa County Office of Education's response to Report Number 0802 is the following:

**Findings:**

Numbers one through four. The County Office agrees that these are factual statements regarding the National Free Lunch Act.

Numbers 26 through 34. The County Office agrees that these are factual statements regarding the school districts in the county and the County Office's involvement with the inspections of food service facilities and school site inspections.

**Recommendations:**

Numbers six and seven. The County Office requests to be copied on district school food safety reports in order to assist districts with compliance issues. The County Superintendent of Schools will continue to collaborate with the County Health Services Department to ensure safe facilities for all students.

If you need further information or clarification, please call me at 942-3418.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen M. Elster". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ellen M. Elster  
Deputy County Superintendent of Schools

cc: Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools  
Joyce Cram, Judge of the Superior Court