



# St. Helena Unified School District

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The Honorable Francisca P. Tisher  
The Honorable Raymond A. Guadagni  
Presiding Judges 2007/2008  
Superior Court of the State of California  
County of Napa  
825 Brown Street  
Napa, CA 94559

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Dear Judges Tisher and Guadagni:

Please accept this letter as a response to the 2007-2008 Grand Jury Final Report regarding Napa County Emergency Communications and Napa County Office of Emergency Services.

The St. Helena Unified School District wishes to commend the Grand Jurors on their commitment and dedication to a thankless task. The St. Helena Unified School District Board of Trustees is appreciative of their recognition of the necessity for safe schools for the children of the District and is always willing to examine recommendations that will enhance safety of students and staff.

Finding 1:

C.E.R.T training in County high schools and middle schools, as recommended in The Napa Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved by the Board of Supervisors, would significantly advance this aspect of preparedness training.

Recommendation 1:

C.E.R.T. training be implemented in Napa County high schools and middle schools.

Response:

In response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations, the St. Helena Unified School District contacted the Napa County Office of Emergency Services. We were informed that usually anyone under the age of 16 would not be offered C.E.R.T. training and those 18 and under must attend the training with a parent/guardian. C.E.R.T. training is voluntary and classes are offered by volunteers to volunteers. Students may become trained during non-school hours and only on a volunteer basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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