

June 21, 2005

Michael Douglas, President
Napa Valley Unified School Board
2425 Jefferson Street
Napa, CA 94558

Dear Michael,

As you know, in accordance with the Williams Settlement, staff from the County Office of Education and I reviewed district and school documents, and, along with Debbie Brenner and Don Evans, visited Shearer, McPherson, Carneros, and Bel Aire Park Elementary Schools between May 19 and May 25, 2005. The visits were brief, positive, and rewarding.

The purpose of the visits, as specified in Education Code 1240, was to ensure that:

1. students have access to "sufficient" instructional materials in the four core subjects of English language arts, mathematics, history/social science, and science;
2. the school is in compliance with facilities maintenance to ensure that there are no "emergency or urgent threats to the health or safety of pupils or staff;"
3. the school has provided accurate data for the annual School Accountability Report Card (SARC) related to instructional materials and facilities maintenance.

We visited 25% of classrooms at each school and inspected all common areas, bathrooms, etc. I am delighted to report that there are no findings to report. In one classroom at McPherson we found eight social studies books missing, as a result of the fact that students change classes for different subjects and several books

were lost. Principal Tamara Sanguinetti has already ordered replacement books, so this is now corrected.

I would like to especially commend Debbie Brenner and Don Evans for all their work in preparation for the visits. DB attended a Williams workshop with county office staff and worked with all the principals to collect needed documentation. Don conducted facilities assessments at each school and made the few necessary corrections in advance of our visits.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the board and the district on an outstanding report.

Sincerely,

Barbara Nemko
Napa County Superintendent of Schools

Cc: John Glaser, Superintendent
DB Brenner, Assistant Superintendent
Don Evans, Director of General Services and Facilities
Donna Drago, Principal, Carneros Elementary
Lisa Miri, Principal, Shearer Elementary
Tamara Sanguinetti, Principal, McPherson Elementary
Melissa Strongman, Principal, Bel Aire Park Elementary