



November 7, 2007

Harold Moskowitz, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors
1195 Third Street
Napa, CA 94559

Barbara G. Nemko, Ph.D.
Superintendent
(707) 253-6810

Dear Harold and Members of the Board,

Business Services
(707) 253-6819

As you may remember, in accordance with the Williams Settlement, the Napa County Office of Education is required to annually review schools in Deciles 1-3 on the Academic Performance Index (API) and give a report to the Board of Supervisors each November. On September 13, 2007, staff from the County Office of Education and I, accompanied by Debbie Brenner and Vince Meyer from Napa Valley Unified School District, reviewed district and school documents and visited Shearer, Bel Aire Park, and McPherson Elementary Schools. The visits were brief, positive, and rewarding.

Fiscal Services
(707) 253-6833

General Services
(707) 253-6828

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

Human Resources
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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 of 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;
4. Classrooms have a copy of the Uniform Complaint Procedure displayed.

Educational Services
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Court & Community Schools
(707) 253-6817

As per the Williams requirements, we visited 25% of classrooms and inspected all common areas, bathrooms, etc. I am delighted to report that there are no findings to report. Although some classrooms were using an older version of the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, (they are revised frequently by the State), this is being corrected. These findings are commendable.

Curriculum & Instruction
(707) 253-6999

Early Childhood Services
(707) 253-6914

Regional Occupational Program
(707) 253-6830

I would like to offer my congratulations to Superintendent John Glaser, Directors of General Services Don Evans and Vince Meyer for keeping NVUSD facilities in such good shape, as well as site principals Lisa Miri, Melissa Strongman, and Tamara Sanguinetti, and Assistant Superintendent Debbie Brenner for an outstanding report.

SELPA
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Sincerely,

Special Education Services
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Napa County Superintendent of Schools

cc: Dr. John Glaser, Superintendent