GONZALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gonzales High School
501 Fifth Street
Gonzales, California 93926
(831) 675-2495

Fairview Middle School
401 Fourth Street
Gonzales, California 93926
(831) 675-3704

La Gloria Elementary School
220 Elko Street
Gonzales, California 93926
(831) 675-3663

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30 December 1999

Dear Members of the 1999 Civil Grand Jury,

Having read your report, we would like to address those concerns listed that pertain to school districts.

"1. Results of the County school districts' scores in the Statewide Testing and Reporting (STAR) program."

Attached you will find a grid that lists the material provided you by Nancy Kotowski, Ph.D. of the Monterey County Office of Education, together with the test results of this district for the past two years. Please note the dramatically improved scores at the elementary level. The High School has begun planning changes in their curriculum and methodologies using the grant from the under-performing high schools. Changes should be expected soon.

"2. High percentage of teachers not fully certificated employed in the County school districts."

Attached you will find the audit finding from the Monterey County Office of Education that states 1998-1999 assignments shows that all positions in the district are filled by properly credentialed or legally authorized staff with the exception of twelve staff members, which amount to approximately seven percent (7%) of our credentialed staff – not thirty percent (30%) as previously reported.

"3. Compensation to School Board Members."

The board members of Gonzales Unified School District voted to receive a $50 stipend each month regardless of the number of meetings held. This month is then put into a fund for scholarships for students. Of the $3,000 per year made available last year student scholars have already collected $2,280.21 by submitting their registration materials to our office.

"4. Number of, and school districts' costs associated with, criminal acts committed on school grounds."

The majority of the expense in this category was caused by three students who broke into three schools and vandalized several rooms. We have since "alarmed" more rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

GONZALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Subject/Grade	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals	Growth
Reading State	39	36	40	40	43	41	44		from
Reading Monterey County	34	29	33	33	35	33	36		1998 to 1999
Gonzales 1999	**30**	**23**	**28**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**28**	**189**	**28**
Gonzales 1998	24	20	21	22	23	24	27	161	Reading
Math State	43	42	39	41	46	45	45		
Math Monterey County	33	30	29	32	40	36	35		
Gonzales 1999	**37**	**40**	**35**	**44**	**38**	**30**	**41**	**273**	**59**
Gonzales 1998	26	27	30	20	27	33	37	214	Math
Language State	40	39	44	44	47	49	47		
Language Monterey Co	33	31	37	36	39	40	39		
Gonzales 1999	**32**	**31**	**33**	**30**	**32**	**42**	**35**	**235**	**28**
Gonzales 1998	19	24	29	26	28	42	37	207	Language
Spelling State	38	38	38	38	40	42	38		
Spelling Monterey Co.	29	27	27	29	31	33	29		
Gonzales 1999	**35**	**29**	**25**	**32**	**31**	**37**	**25**	**214**	**24**
Gonzales 1998	22	26	21	24	29	35	33	190	Spelling

Subject/Grade	9	10	11						
Reading State	34	32	37						
Reading Monterey Co.	26	28	33						
Gonzales 1999	**17**	**16**	**20**					**53**	**1**
Gonzales 1998	18	18	18					52	Reading
Math State	50	43	40						
Math Monterey Co.	39	34	36						
Gonzales 1999	**31**	**25**	**24**					**80**	**6**
Gonzales 1998	30	24	20					74	Math
Language State	47	38	43						
Language Monterey Co.	37	30	37						
Gonzales 1999	**34**	**21**	**28**					**83**	**8**
Gonzales 1998	31	20	24					75	Language
Science State	43	44	44						
Science Monterey Co.	36	39	39						
Gonzales 1999	**29**	**27**	**24**					**80**	**6**
Gonzales 1998	27	28	21					74	Science
Soc Stu State	42	38	54						
Soc Stu Monterey Co.	37	36	52						
Gonzales 1999	**27**	**22**	**46**					**95**	**10**
Gonzales 1998	29	21	35					85	Soc Studies

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...SEEING EYE TO EYE

June 28, 1999

Salvatore Bozzo, Ed.D.
Director II, Personnel
Monterey County Office of Education
P. O. Box 80851
Salinas, CA 93912-80851

Dear Dr. Bozzo:

The following is the District's response to your recent Assignment Monitoring Review identifying action being taken for each teacher affected:

Grady, Daniel	LII Teacher	to enroll in Assessor's Panel
Harp, Esther	RS Teacher	Certificate on file at MCOE
Jones, David	RS Teacher	to enroll in Assessor's Panel
Sloan, Morgan	RS Teacher	to enroll in Assessor's Panel
Sutherland, Robert	RS Teacher	completed Assessor's Panel, to apply for credential
Shaw, Judith	Sp. Ed. Teacher	no longer with our District
Halpin, Elaine	Hist. Teacher	apply for Emerg. Single Subject Soc Sci Permit
Mahony, John	Am Govt Teacher	no longer with our District
Purnsley, Julius	Life Sci Teacher	Board Resolution
Thompson, Ricky	Sci Teacher	no longer with District
Washburn, John	Sci Teacher	Board Resolution
Maturino, Frank	Vice/Principal	Reassigned to a teaching position

Thank you for your assistance and your cooperation during this process

Sincerely,

Richard Averett

Richard Averett, Ph.D.
Superintendent

cc: Gordon Piffero
Connie Nunez

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June 1, 1999

Dr. Richard L. Averett
Gonzales Unified School District
P.O. Drawer G
Gonzales, CA 93926

Dear Dr. Averett:

Thank you for your detailed preparation for and cooperation during your recent Assignment Monitoring Review. We would particularly like to thank Gordon Piffero, John Ward, John Asengo, and Connie Nuñez for their willingness to spend the time necessary to complete the on-site review process.

We would like to congratulate your district on having employed a full-time district librarian and an itinerant district music teacher. These two accomplishments plus the maintenance of your buildings and grounds in these times of tight school budgets are real achievements. We also find your district's partnership with Apple Computer to begin a computer program at the high school level exciting. And your district's use of the SB 1969 ESL/SDAIE training option to meet the needs of the district's LEP students is promising.

We are waiting for your District Assignment Monitoring Report as soon as the statistics are complete on the Limited English Proficient Instruction Information section.

A comparison of credentials held by your certificated staff and their 1998-1999 assignments shows that all positions in your district are filled by properly credentialed or legally authorized staff with the exception of the persons listed on the attached report.

Education Code §44258.9(g)(3) provides a 30-day time line for your response to us detailing the steps you intend to take to clear up the assignment problems indicated. If we can be of help, please let us know.

We have enjoyed this opportunity to work with you and your staff and want to thank you again for your cooperation

Sincerely,

Salvatore Bozzo, Ed.D.
Director II, Personnel

cc: Gordon Piffero
John Ward
John Asenjo
Connie Nuñez

Gonzales Unified School District

Teacher	Misassignment	Suggested Solutions
Grady, Daniel enroll in Assessor Panel	Learning Handicapped Teacher	Complete correction of Emergency Specialist Learning Handicapped from 1997-98 school year and apply for renewal of Emergency Specialist Learning Handicapped for 1998-99 school year.
Harp, Esther on file at [illegible]	Resource Specialist	Apply for Emergency Resource Specialist Permit and work toward clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence through SELPA Assessor Panel (as suggested by Gordon Piffero), or through college coursework.
Jones, David [illegible]	Resource Specialist	Apply for Emergency Resource specialist Permit and work toward clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence through SELPA Assessor Panel (as suggested by Gordon Piffero, or complete Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Disabilities (which includes Resource Specialist authorization).
Sloan, Morgan [illegible]	Resource Specialist	Apply for Emergency Resource specialist Permit and work toward clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence through SELPA Assessor Panel (as suggested by Gordon Piffero, or complete Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Disabilities (which includes Resource Specialist authorization).
Sutherland, Robert [illegible]	Resource Specialist	Needs to record Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence.

Shaw, Judith No longer w/District	Special Education Teacher	Renew Emergency Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Disabilities Permit which expired 03/01/99.
Halprin, Elaine	History Teacher	Reassign teacher or apply for Limited Assignment Emergency Single Subject Social Sciences Permit and work toward sufficient units to use EC 44256(b) or to add a Supplementary Authorization.
Mahony, John	American Government Teacher	Reassign teacher or apply for Limited Assignment Emergency Single Subject Social Sciences Permit and work toward sufficient units to use EC 44256(b) or to add a Supplemenary Authorization
Purnsley, Julius	Life Science Teacher	Reassign teacher or apply for Limited Assignment Emergency Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences Permit and work toward sufficient units to use EC 44256(b) or to add a Supplementary Authorization.
Thompson, Ricky Left District	Science Teacher	District needs to request a Variable Term Waiver for Science.
Washburn, John	Science Teacher	Reassign teacher or apply for Limited Assignment Emergency Single Subject Science Permit and work toward sufficient units to use EC 44256(b) or to add a Supplementary Authorization.
Maturino, Frank re-assigned to teaching position	Vice-Principal	Reassign to teaching position or enter Administrative Services Internship program at university and apply for Internship Credential through the university.

GONZALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Account Name: Board of Trustees
Fiscal Year: 1998-99

Balance as of June 30,

Date	Check Number	Transaction	Purpose	Amount of Withdrawal	Amount of Deposit	Balance
2/25/99		Deposit	Open up account		$3,780.00	$3,780.00
2/26/99		Deposit	Interest - 2/24-2/26/99		$2.21	$3,780.21
2/24/99	101	Nicolas c. Dal de	Scholarship	$500.00		$3,280.21
2/24/99	102	Mario Trujillo	Scholarship	$500.00		$2,780.21
2/24/99	103	Leilani Hernandez	Scholarship	$500.00		$2,280.21
4/27/99	100	Wendy Wong	Scholarship	$500.00		$1,780.21 ok
10/31/99		Deposit	Board's deposits		900.00	2,680.21 ok

Table 1: Grounds for Recommendations to Expel and Expulsion Orders

Instructions: For the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, under each Education Code section, please enter the total number of recommendations for expulsion and the total number of expulsions ordered.

- The number of expulsions ordered includes **all expulsion orders** approved by the governing board, including "suspended expulsions."
- If a single recommendation or order of expulsion was for more than one reason—for example, if a student was charged with both brandishing a knife [EC 48915(C)(2)] and possession of drug paraphernalia [EC 48900(j)] include the recommended expulsion or expulsion order under each of those Education Code sections.
- If a student was recommended for expulsion or expelled more than once during the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, please include each recommendation and/or expulsion that occurred.

NOTE: This table is not intended to be a record of how many students were recommended for expulsion or ordered expelled. (That data is provided in Table 2) Table 1 is intended to be a record of how many times a violation of each Education Code section has been cited as grounds for a recommendation for and/or an order of expulsion.

Education Code Section	Grounds for Expulsions Recommended and/or Ordered	Recommended Expulsions	Expulsions Ordered
48915 (c)(1)	Possessing, selling or furnishing a firearm		
48915 (c)(2)	Brandishing a knife at another person		
48915 (c)(3)	Unlawfully selling a controlled substance		
48915 (c)(4) or 48900 (n)	Committing or attempting to commit sexual assault or battery		
48915 (a) (1)	Caused serious physical injury to another person		
48915 (a)(2)	Possession of knife, explosive or other dangerous object ///	3	3
48915 (a)(3)	Unlawful possession of any controlled substance ///	3	3
48915 (a)(4) or 48900 (e)	Robbery or extortion		
48915 (a)(5)	Assault or battery upon any school employee		
48900 (a)(1)	Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened serious physical injury to another person //// //// ////	16	16
48900 (a)(2)	Willfully used force or violence on another person	1	1
48900 (b)	Possessed, sold or furnished firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object /	1	1
48900 (c)	Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, furnished or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant ///	4	4
48900 (d)	Selling or delivering material represented to be a controlled substance /	1	1
48900 (f)	Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property		
48900 (g)	Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property		
48900 (h)	Possessed or used tobacco or nicotine products		
48900 (i)	Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity		
48900 (j)	Unlawfully possessed, or unlawfully offered or arranged to sell, drug paraphernalia		
48900 (k)	Disruption of school activities or willfully defying the authority of school personnel		
48900 (l)	Knowingly received stolen school property or private property		
48900 (m)	Possession of an imitation firearm		
48900 (o)	Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a witness		
48900.2	Engaged in sexual harassment /	1	1
48900.3	Attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence		
48900.4	Engaged in harassment, threats or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils ///	3	3
48900.7	Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property		

Table 2: Recommendations, Expulsions, and Suspended Expulsions – Number of Students

Instructions: In contrast to Table 1, the requested figures below count students, not grounds or acts. As indicated below, for the period *July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998*, please enter the total number of students.	Number of Students
Number of students for whom an expulsion was recommended	33
Number of students who were ordered expelled (whether or not the order was suspended)	32
Number of students expelled whose orders of expulsion were subsequently suspended.	2

Additional Comments (Optional):

Table 3: Types of Educational Referrals Made During the Period of Expulsion

Instructions: For students who were expelled during the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, please indicate the type(s) of educational placement(s) made during the periods students were expelled or had suspended expulsions. If a student received more than one referral, please indicate all placements below.	Number of Placements
Elementary school in this district	
Junior high, middle, or intermediate school in this district	
High school in this district	
Continuation class or school in this district	
Opportunity class or school in this district	
District community day school in this district	
Adult education in this district	
Independent study in this district	1
County court/community school	
Outplacement in another district	
Left district/ moved	
Dropped out/ placement unknown	
Other placements	25
Total Placements	26

Additional Comments (Optional):

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Table 4: Educational Placement of Students Following Their Expulsion Periods

Instructions: For students whose expulsion periods ended between July 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998, please indicate the type(s) of educational placement(s) following the end of their expulsion periods.		Number of Placements
Elementary school in this district		
Junior high, middle or intermediate school in this district		4
High school in this district		15
Continuation class or school in this district		
Opportunity class or school in this district		
District community day school in this district		
Adult education in this district		
Independent study in this district		
County court/community school		
Outplacement in other district		
Graduated		
Left district/ moved		2
Dropped out/ placement unknown		4
Other		
	Total Placements	27

Questions Concerning District Community Day Schools:

	Please Indicate Below
Does your district *currently operate* a district community day school?	☐ Yes ☒ No If YES, how many?
Does your district *participate* in a district community day school *consortium*?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If YES, what is the name of the district which heads the consortium?	
If NOT currently operating a program, is your district planning to implement a community day school program in the future?	☐ Yes – Next year ☒ Yes – in future years ☐ Considered but rejected ☐ No plans
If YES, what kind of community day school program is being planned?	☒ Program operated by our district ☐ Part of a planned consortium
Whether or not you have a community day school program, what are the major **REASONS FOR ESTABLISHING** a community day school within your district? (*Please check all that apply*)	☒ Additional funding ☐ Lack of available alternative programs ☒ Concern and interest by teaching and/or counseling staff ☐ Parental interest or pressure for new program ☐ School board interest or pressure for new program ☐ Community interest or pressure for new program
What are the **GREATEST DIFFICULTIES** in operating a community day school within your district? (*Please check all that apply*)	☐ Lack of sufficient funding/ reimbursement insufficient ☐ Insufficient student need to justify cost and effort ☒ Difficulties in recruitment of staff and/or issues with teachers organizations ☒ Difficulties complying with requirements of separate site

Additional Comments (Optional):

CALIFORNIA SAFE SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT

School Crime Reporting Summary

District: GONZALES Unified

27-75473

CRIMES	ALCOHOL/DRUGS		VICTIM						SUSPECT					TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT
	Were alcohol/drugs involved?		Gender		Classification				Suspect Unknown	Gender		Classification		
	Yes	No	Male	Female	Student at this school	Certificated employee	Classified employee	Other		Male	Female	Student at this school	Non-student	
Use of Alcohol/Drugs	8	0							0	11	4	12	3	
Possession of Alcohol	0	0							0	0	0	0	0	
Possession of Drugs	4	0							0	3	1	3	1	
Possession of Paraphernalia	0	1							0	1	0	1	0	
Possession of Alcohol/Drugs for Sale	0	0							0	0	0	0	0	
Sale and/or Furnishing of Alcohol/Drugs	0	0							0	0	0	0	0	
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Battery	0	5	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	20	1	21	0	
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Robbery/Extortion	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Sex Offense(s)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arson	0	0							0	0	0	0	0	$0
Burglary	0	7							7	0	0	0	0	$7,700
Graffiti	0	3							3	0	0	0	0	$7,385
Theft	0	3							3	0	0	0	0	$1,230
Vandalism	0	3							3	0	0	0	0	$5,415
Bomb Threat	0	0							0	0	0	0	0	
Destructive/Explosive Devices	0	0							0	0	0	0	0	
Loitering/Trespassing	0	3							0	4	0	2	2	
Possession of Weapon(s)	0	2							0	1	2	2	1	
TOTAL	12	28	10	1	11	0	0	0	16	41	8	42	7	$21,730

July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998
Revised 10/03/98

I certify that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

COE/District Superintendent or Designee – Printed Name

( )
Telephone Number (including area code)

Signature

Date