

Response to Civil Grand Jury Report -  
*Reducing Truancy throughout the  
County – A Prudent Investment*

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
August 14, 2012



# Grand Jury Report Conclusions

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- ▶ Truancy Subcommittee of the Board is to be commended.
- ▶ Investing a little to get a lot.
- ▶ Supports effort to pull together to solve the problem of truancy.



# Findings and Suggested Responses

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- ▶ Truancy rate averaged 20% between 2000-08 with program. (2) ▶ Agree
- ▶ Truancy rates increased to 30.76% in 2010-11 after program was terminated. (3) ▶ Agree



# Recommendations & Suggested Responses

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- ▶ Board approve budget to support truancy reduction programs. (2) ▶ Implemented
- ▶ Districts estimate the amount of money lost to truancy and report information. (5) ▶ Not to be implemented
- ▶ Districts track results after start of the truancy reduction program, calculate resulting revenue and report information. (6) ▶ Not to be implemented





# Recommended Board Actions

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- ▶ Consider and adopt responses in Attachment A
- ▶ Authorize Board Chair to sign and forward to the Presiding Judge

