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April 16, 2008

Daniel C. Hernandez  
Director of Santa Barbara County Parks  
610 Mission Canyon Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Mr. Hernandez,

Effective July 1, 2008 Casmalia School District boundaries will be incorporated into the Orcutt Union School District through a territory transfer as approved by the State Board of Education. The Orcutt Union School District is in the process of developing the Orcutt Academy, which is a charter school with the K-8 component to be housed in Casmalia at the Winifred Wollam School. The school is used on a regular basis as a focal point for community meetings and is a source of pride for the Casmalia community.

Currently, the school lacks playground equipment for the community and for the children attending school. It is my understanding that Quimby funds may be used for such a purpose. There is a need for separate play equipment for K-3 and 4-6 grades in addition to a couple of benches and picnic tables. The District is very interested in a joint use agreement where the District would be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment and continued public access to the community.

The District is looking at all possible avenues to fund improvements in the school and feel this is an exceptional use for Quimby funds. It would indeed be an excellent community celebration and new beginnings for Casmalia if we could have the equipment installed by August 20, 2008 which is when the new school opens.

Respectfully,



Sharon McHolland, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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