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Rachael Bishop, Director

December 13, 2007

Roberta Robinson, Foreperson
2007-08 Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 303
San Rafael, Ca. 94913-4988

Dear Roberta,

Enclosed please find our school's response to the Marin County Grand Jury Report:
Charter Schools: A Matter of Choice dated February 23, 2007.

This response was adopted by our Board of Directors during its public meeting of
December 12, 2007.

Should you have need for additional information or clarification, please contact me at
(415) 883-4254.

Sincerely,

Rachael Bishop

Director

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Charter Schools: A Matter of Choice

Report Date: February 23, 2007

Response by: Novato Charter School Board

FINDINGS

- We agree with the findings numbered: 1 & 4
- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered 1 has not been fully implemented , but will be implemented in the future under the following timeframe:

Recommendation: The Novato Charter School should increase its effort to recruit more non-Caucasian students and English Language Learners.

Enrollment at NCS is governed by a lottery system that provides equitable access to anyone, regardless of ethnicity, language, or religion. Because of infrastructure limitations however, i.e. one class per grade, the school cannot and does not publicly and/or actively recruit new students. Our large applicant wait-list reflects the success of the program as shared by existing families to friends and neighbors.

We have always been cognizant of the continuing change in demographics in Novato, and the State as a whole, particularly fueled by the growing Hispanic population. Embracing this trend since inception, NCS has taught Spanish in the 1st through 8th grades as a way to develop in students, the capacity to communicate with this important segment of our population and better learn about this rich and vibrant culture.

In addition to honoring the Hispanic culture, according to each class' ethnic composition, teachers, parents and students share in the rituals and traditions of other ethnic groups.

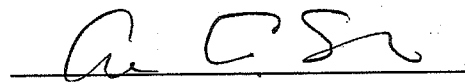
Notwithstanding the multicultural approach the NCS already takes, our Board believes the school can always do more to promote its program to a more-diversified student population, and will increase its efforts in this area by means of:

STRATEGY	TIME FRAME
Print outreach materials in Spanish.	2008-09 School Year
Add a Spanish-language link on NCS' website.	2008-09 School Year
Distribute promotional and informational materials to a broad variety of community groups and agencies that serve the various racial, ethnic, and interest groups represented in the District.	Six months prior the 2009-10 enrollment lottery and yearly thereafter
Conduct outreach meetings in several areas of the District to reach prospective students and parents.	Twice a year, beginning in 2008-09

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Novato Charter School, Inc. a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that this response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report of February 23, 2007 was adopted at the Novato Charter School Board of Director's public meeting of December 12, 2007.

Executed on 12.12.07 at Novato, California.



Anne Sandbach, Secretary