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Honorable Judge Stephan M. Place  
Inyo County Superior Court  
PO Box 401  
Independence, CA 93526

Judge Stephan M. Place,

I am in receipt of the most recent Grand Jury Report and have reviewed the findings related to fire inspections and the local educational agencies in Inyo County. I appreciate the work of the Grand Jury and I would like to highlight some significant changes and actions that will be taking place by the Inyo County Office of Education and the school districts within Inyo County:

1. All School District Superintendents' have been informed of the requirement to have yearly fire inspections on all school campuses.
2. This requirement has been added to each district safety plan, which shall be reviewed by October 1st of each school year at each school district.
3. The Inyo County Superintendent of Schools will receive annual confirmation from each district that safety plans have been reviewed and fire inspections have been completed.
4. At a future Superintendent's Council Meeting, we shall review options for our districts, as it relates to finding individuals qualified to complete reviews/inspections. A discussion will take place about the potential of contracting with an entity to serve this function for the entire county.
5. It is the responsibility of each local school district to comply with all Health and Safety regulations and we take this responsibility extremely seriously.

Again, I appreciate the work of the Inyo County Grand Jury and the opportunity to make comments on their most recent report. Should I need to take any further action or more discussion is required on this matter, please contact me at the Inyo County Office of Education at 760-873-3262.

Sincerely,

Barry D. Simpson  
Inyo County Superintendent of Schools