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September 29, 1999

Mr. Bedford Pinkard, Member
Airport Authority
City of Oxnard
305 West Third Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

Dear Mr. Pinkard:

At its meeting on September 1, 1999, the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District approved Resolution #99-16 opposing any expansion or refurbishment of the Oxnard Airport. A copy of the resolution is sent with this letter.

It is our understanding that the Department of Airports has presented to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors a master plan relating to proposed upgrades for the Oxnard Airport. We strongly believe that, in addition to the negative impact it would have on the City of Oxnard, any refurbishing or expansion would further complicate the already difficult situation of siting much needed schools in the District.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the students of the Oxnard School District, we urge you to study alternate locations, and eventually close the existing Oxnard Airport and relocate it to a more appropriate site.

Sincerely,

Richard Duarte
District Superintendent

Enclosure

Resolution Opposing any Expansion or Refurbishment of the
Oxnard Airport
Resolution #99-16

WHEREAS, the Department of Airports has presented to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors a master plan update and an accompanying environmental impact report relating to proposed upgrades for the Oxnard Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District has expressed its concerns regarding the proposed expansion and/or refurbishment of the airport; and

WHEREAS, airport traffic for 1994 totaled only 95,424 flights and existing airport facilities are adequate to service 177,000 flights annually, with a long-term projection of 194,000 annual operations. Therefore, the current airport could double its traffic load without any expansion; and

WHEREAS, any expansion or refurbishment of the airport is designed to accommodate increased use, thereby exacerbating the impact on the City of Oxnard, the size of its population, and the resulting impact on the Oxnard School District; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment of students in Oxnard schools has increased at the rate of approximately 700 students annually for the past five years, and the district's overcrowded condition has reached a critical stage; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District has been fervently seeking school sites on which to construct much-needed new schools; and

WHEREAS, there are very limited possible school sites within the City and adjacent areas that are approved by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Education Code requires a two-mile buffer zone around the airport runway, thus automatically eliminating prime school sites from consideration; and

WHEREAS, even though the SOAR initiative, recently passed by voters in City of Oxnard, exempts schools from its restrictions on building in farmland, nevertheless the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District wishes to comply with the intent of the initiative to the greatest extent possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District expresses its strong opposition to any expansion and/or refurbishment of the Oxnard Airport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges the County of Ventura to eventually close the Oxnard Airport and relocate the airport to a more appropriate site; utilizing, to the extent possible, the funding proposed for the expansion and/or refurbishment of the Oxnard Airport to study alternate locations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District offers this proposal with the best interests of airport users, the City of Oxnard and particularly the students of the Oxnard School District in mind.

Adopted this 1st day of September, 1999.


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