

December 8, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On November 9, 2010, the County of Orange Health Care Agency sent a letter to all parents of children who received mental health services pursuant to AB 3632. The Irvine Unified School District/SELPA disagrees with the contents of the letter sent out by the County of Orange Health Care Agency.

While Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed some funding from mental health services on October 8, 2010, the Governor did not veto funding for mental health services for the 2010-2011 school year. Although the Governor attempted to suspend the mandate that mental health services must be provided by the Orange County Health Care Agency, the California School Boards Association has filed a lawsuit to declare the Governor's veto unconstitutional and to mandate that the Orange County Health Care Agency and other mental health departments throughout the state continue to provide mental health services pursuant to AB 3632.

We are hopeful that the courts will rule on these issues soon and that there will be no disruption of services to students. In the meantime, we will work with parents and students to attempt to minimize any disruptions while this matter is being considered by the courts.

Please call me if you have any questions at (949) 936-5230.

Sincerely,

Mary Bevernick, Director  
Special Education/SELPA