

July 8, 2015

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear El Dorado County Supervisors:

As County Superintendent of Schools, I oversee a multitude of educational programs and serve on the Board of Directors for several community organizations. The thread that connects each of my responsibilities is the children of our community.

The El Dorado County Office of Education wholeheartedly expresses support for the Family Wellness Joint Jurisdictional Court (newly created by the El Dorado County Superior Court and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwoks). We have been actively involved in the yearlong development process, in fact, the first referrals to the court were made from our School Attendance Review Board (S.A.R.B.) program. It is our expectation that the Family Wellness Court will have many positive impacts on children and families in our county.

The El Dorado County Office of Education has been collaborating with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwoks for many years regarding improving educational success for Tribal students in our local schools and reducing truancy and chronic absenteeism with our S.A.R.B. program. In fact, the Tribal Police Chief is an integral member of the S.A.R.B. board. The new Family Wellness Court is a remarkable opportunity to further address these issues and others in a holistic and culturally appropriate manner.

The Family Wellness Court is the first Joint Jurisdictional Juvenile Court in the nation and we are proud to partner with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwoks in this unique program. We strongly encourage the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to endorse and support the program as well.

Sincerely,



Jeremy M. Meyers, County Superintendent
El Dorado County Office of Education