

**NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

On Thursday, November 20, 2003, KCBS completed its 4-month undercover investigation into the education received by foster children attending non-public schools in Los Angeles County.

Serious deficiencies were discovered, such as very little oversight and monitoring by the California Department of Education. Due to budget cuts and very little resources, inspection is only conducted once every 4 years. Other deficiencies included: no certified teachers, no standard curriculum, schools located in former motels or old strip malls, no computers, no benchmarks or performance measures, no extracurricular activities, no record of the number of children that graduate or attend college.

Not surprisingly, far too many of our foster youth are at risk of becoming unemployed, incarcerated and homeless. Recent studies have shown the education needs of our foster youth are one of the most critical areas in need of attention and collaboration. As such, a few months ago, the Board of Supervisors requested the development of an Education Coordinating Council to address this serious deficiency.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT**, the Board direct the Director of Children and Family Services and the Children’s Law Center to report back on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 on the development of the Education Coordinating Council and how the serious deficiencies noted in non-public schools are being addressed.

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