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Dear Charter School Families –

The North County Times last week told the correct news story about the homeschool ruling that the Second Appellate Court issued on February 29th. “Experts Say Ruling Is No Cause for Alarm – No Immediate Impact Expected From Court’s Ruling On Home Schooling”.

To access the article, please see:

http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2008/03/08/news/top_stories/22_95_373_7_08.txt

There is, however, a lot of misinformation that is being produced and circulated as a result of the ruling. We at GSDA want to be cautious and provide our families with factual and accurate information.

It is good to be reminded of a few key facts.

1 - Our charter document is written to include the independent study (homeschooling) component as a viable educational option. The local public school district and the State Board of Education approved this document.

2 - You are working with your children under the direction of a California credentialed teacher. In some cases, parents in our school have this credentialing too.

3 - Charter Schools are viable public school options under state law and established Education Code (Education Code Section 47612.5(b)). This is also known as the Charter School Act of 1992.

Greater San Diego Academy staff has received a written brief from the premier attorney firm for charter schools in the state, SPECTOR, MIDDLETON, YOUNG & MINNEY, LLP (SMYM) concerning this issue. This brief can be accessed on their website at http://www.smy charterlaw.com/pdf/Rachel_L_case_v2_PCM_3_Final_031008.pdf. It basically tells us that we have nothing to fear from the ruling.

Please continue to work with your children with confidence that you and your school are doing what is right and legal. We are addressing the needs of each child in a personalized way that meets California State Standards and makes education meaningful for your family.

Best regards,

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