

September 13, 2016

The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

John Mann, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Simmons and Mr. Mann:

Attached is the San Rafael City Schools response to the 2015-2016 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report entitled *Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in Our Backyard* which was released on June 23, 2016, and Board approved on September 12, 2016.

Thank you and the Grand Jury for providing the background and information as well as providing findings and recommendations on a topic that is destructive to the foundation of our community.

In response to the specific Findings and Recommendations in this report, it should be noted that schools do not have sufficient information or expertise to serve as a basis for a response to the specific items. While we have addressed the issue in a number of ways, there is more we can do and we are committed to working with our schools districts and community partners to expand our support in this area.

San Rafael City Schools continue to appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury and the time and commitment made by the members of this important body.

Sincerely,



Michael Watenpaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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FINDINGS

F-1 through F-13:

Response:

Agree with all findings, assuming the facts as set forth in the Grand Jury's Report are accurate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R7: Marin County Office of Education should work with the Marin County School/Law Enforcement Partnership to develop educational programs to ensure that students, parents, and teachers are trained in recognizing the signs of human trafficking and where they can find help.

• **Response:**

San Rafael City Schools actively participates on the School/Law Enforcement Partnership. We believe that this recommendation has been implemented. San Rafael City Schools has encouraged staff, student, parent, and Board attendance (as relevant) at countywide events that were offered over the course of the past two years including:

- **Human Trafficking and Child Abduction Forum on September 14, 2015.**
- **Missing Children and On-Line Predators, April 29, 2015.**
- **School/Law Enforcement Partnership discussion led by the District Attorney's Office on October 21, 2015 and January 16, 2016 during which presentations related to sex trafficking took place.**
- **A countywide forum which the Marin County Office of Education supported and advertised was held on Thursday January 21, 2016 by the Marin Child Abuse Prevention Council.**

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San Rafael City Schools will participate in any efforts to continue developing programs to ensure that students, parents and teachers are trained in recognizing the signs of human trafficking and where they can find help.