

August 10, 2016

The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons
Presiding Judge
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4900

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 to this letter are the requested responses from the Mill Valley School District to the Marin Civil Grand Jury Report: *2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card: Bringing Marin County's Local Governments to Light*.

We support the Grand Jury's emphasis on transparency by public agencies, including school districts. The district has reviewed its website using the self-evaluation form provided by the Grand Jury and was able to make many improvements to the site.

We will be sure to take into consideration all the recommendations provided by the Grand Jury moving forward.

Sincerely,



Robin Moses
Board President



Paul Johnson
Superintendent

Responses to the 2015-2016 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report

2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card: Bringing Marin County's Local Governments to Light

Responses from Mill Valley School District

R1:

The agency should improve its web transparency score to "B-" or (or better) by updating its website and submitting the appropriate self-evaluation form.

Response: Agree

The Mill Valley School District reviewed the feedback from the Grand Jury, made adjustments and completed the provided self-evaluation. We value transparency and moving forward, every effort will be made to continue to improve our website.

R3:

The agency should update its website to include information of the annual compensation for its elected officials, officers and employees and this information should also be submitted to the Controller, as required by Sections 12463 and 53909 of the California Government Code.

Response: Agree

The School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) posted to our website include compensation information for certificated school employee classifications. In addition, salary schedules for certificated, classified and management are readily accessible on the website. The Mill Valley School District Board of Trustees members do not receive compensation for their service. We have listed that information on our website as well.

The District's payroll records are not maintained in a format suitable to comply with the Controller's request. In order to provide the information in the requested format would take potentially weeks of staff time to produce at an unnecessary cost to the public.