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May 19, 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 are the responses from the Shoreline Unified District School Board and Superintendent to your findings and recommendations of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report regarding: **Web Transparency Report Card – Bringing Marin County’s Local Government to Light.**

The Shoreline Unified School District website has already been updated and there have been changes made based on the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Evaluation. We appreciate the hard work of the Civil Grand Jury and recognize the importance of transparency. We will continue to update our website and have submitted the self-audit form.

Sincerely,

Clarette McDonald
Vice President of the Board

Nancy Neu
Superintendent

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: 2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card
Bringing Marin County's Local Governments to Light
Report Date: March 10, 2016
Agenda Date: May 19, 2016
Response by: Nancy Neu Title: Superintendent

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1 - F5
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R1, R3 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6/7/16 Signed: Nancy Neu
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Responses to the 2015-2016 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report
**2015-2016 Web Transparency Report Card:
Bringing Marin County's Local Government to Light**

Responses from the Shoreline Unified School District

R1. The agency should improve its web transparency score to "B-" (or better) by updating its website and submitting the appropriate self-evaluation form. The form may be obtained by emailing grandjury-audit@marincounty.org

Response:

We are currently evaluating our website so that it is easier to use and communicates more effectively with our community. In examining the checklist, we have found that the information may be on the website, but its location is not as explicit as it could be. For example, budgets, audits, parcel tax information, LCAP, Student Accountability and Assessment Information may now be accessed through District Information. As we redesign our website, we will use the guidelines set out by the Civil Grand Jury to improve our website. The design of the website will be of importance to the new superintendent, and his or her input for any design will be needed.

R3. The agency should update its website to include information of the annual compensation for its elected officials 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:

In the interest of transparency and our district's efficiency, to satisfy the request for annual compensation for elected officials, officers and employees, we will put a link on our site to Transparent California Website.