

**INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT**

Report Title: **Yellow School Bus For Traffic Congestion Relief**

Report Date: **June 1, 2018**

Response Date: **August 1, 2018**

Agency Name: Marin County Superintendent of Schools

Agenda Date: July 10, 2018

Response by: Mary Jane Burke

Title: County Superintendent of Schools

**FINDINGS**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 7/11/18 Signed: Mary Jane Burke

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# Marin County Civil Grand Jury:

## *Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief*

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Release Date: June 8, 2018

Response from: Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools

### **Recommendation 8:**

*The Yellow School Bus (YSB) committee should work toward the establishment of a coordinated YSB for K-8 program for the urbanized areas of Marin with the goal of initiating operations by the 2019-20 school year.*

The Marin County Office of Education is prepared to participate on a Yellow School Bus (YSB) committee to explore the potential expansion of YSB services in Marin. We acknowledge that part of the work will be working with partners, including public agencies, organizations, and the community at large, to identify funding that is ongoing and reliable in order to maintain the service into the future.

Our schools understand that we play a role in addressing the issue of traffic congestion in Marin. That prompted our work, commencing in 2015, with the Transportation Authority of Marin and Marin Transit, to research the impacts of schools on traffic congestion and potential ways to mitigate those impacts. Results have included bus transportation and alternative modes of transit, including safe bike and walking routes, to reduce traffic in congested areas. The potential of expansion of the YSB services in Marin is a logical next step in that discussion.

We look forward to addressing this important work with our partners.