



# REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson  
Marin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913

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

Dear Judge Haakenson and Mr. Brown,

Attached please find the response requested by the 201718 Marin County Grand Jury from the Reed Union School District Board of Trustees to the recommendations (R7, R8) from the report "Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief" publically released on June 8 , 2018.

Sincerely,

Dana Linker Steele, President  
Reed Union School District Board of Trustees

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Reed Union School District Superintendent

Responses to the 2017-18 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report  
*Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief*

**RECOMMENDATION**

**R7:** *School districts (with or without existing YSB programs) and municipalities within the urbanized area of the County should join and actively participate in the YSB committee providing guidance to Marin Transit on YSB issues, such as cost allocations, bell times and routes. The initial meeting should be held by October of 2018.*

**Response:**

The recommendation has been implemented locally. The Tiburon Peninsula Traffic Relief Joint Powers Authority, of which 1/3 of the JPA Board is comprised of Reed Union School District Board of Trustees, has been facilitating the Yellow Bus Program since 2016. Regular meetings of the JPA include a representative from Marin Transit as daily operational management of the bus program is contracted to Marin Transit. It is important to note a correction to the Civil Grand Jury Report on page 9 of 13, in which the first chart does not reflect "Direct Funding Sources" on behalf of School District Revenue. Since the creation of the JPA, Reed Union School District has contributed \$15,000 annually, which has now increased to \$19,500 as approved by the Board of Trustees on August 21, 2018. Bell times and routes are established in coordination with the Reed Union School District, Marin Transit and First Student.

If a Countywide YSB committee is established, Reed Union School District will participate as long as the collaboration provides value and sustainability to our existing bus program.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**R8:** *The 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 beginning the coordinated program by the 2019-2020 school year.*

**Response:**

The recommendation requires further analysis. The goal of establishing a coordinated YSB for K-8 schools is sound, however it may be unlikely that such a program could be established by 2019-2020. The process that created our local Yellow Bus program took several years of planning. There were many logistical factors to consider when developing a program that would meet the needs of the community and provide efficiencies to minimize costs as much as possible. To create a countywide system that would coordinate bell times and efficient routes that meet the needs of the various communities will take significant input from all stakeholders including staff, employee organizations, parents and community members.