



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

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

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

Attached to this letter is the response from the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District to the recommendations (R1, R2, R9, R10, R11) of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's report "School Resource Officers Revisited." Similar to other Grand Jury Reports, this report raises issues related to the health and safety of all students in our schools and these investigations have resulted in improvements in policies and procedures in our school district.

Thank you for being a partner in supporting the health and wellness of our County's young people.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mueller, Board President
Larkspur-Corte Madera School District

Brett Geithman, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Attachment

Larkspur-Corte Madera School District Response
To the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report
School Resource Officers Revisited

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1: SRO Programs in Marin County should be retained or expanded where they now exist. SRO programs should be established to cover those school districts where they do not exist.

Response:

This recommendation will require further analysis.

Though we do not have an SRO program, our district works in consultation with our law enforcement partners regarding the safety and security of our schools, and, we feel that the current level of services is meeting district needs.

We would support discussions about the potential for future program expansion as resources become available. We also support exploring how we can utilize current resources allocated by school and law enforcement agencies in the most effective way possible. For example, by providing additional training and professional development on school safety and supervision best practices.

A status report will be provided by November 23, 2019.

R2: Municipalities, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in Marin County should make SRO programs a high budgetary priority.

Response:

This recommendation requires further analysis.

Our district understands that the safety and security of our students is our primary responsibility and is a very high priority. We are always willing to work with our local partners to support that priority. The designation of funding for SRO programs may not be possible given budget constraints. We will, however, work with the Marin County Office of Education and law enforcement partners to determine if grant funding may be available.

A status report will be provided by November 23, 2019.

R9: School districts should take the lead in working with their city councils and law enforcement agencies to employ and maintain a sufficient number of SRO's.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Our district currently receives SRO services in partnership with the Central Marin Police Authority.

R10: School districts and municipalities should explore funding sources such as grants, bond issues, special taxes and other sources.

Response:

This recommendation is being implemented.

We agree with the Grand Jury's recommendation to seek additional resources as appropriate. This could include partnering with our local partners on grants, as well as participating in countywide funding opportunities for school security. We will continue to collaborate with the Marin County Office of Education to identify and apply for grant funding for school safety and security.

R11: School districts and municipalities should consider sharing the costs and services of SRO Programs.

Response:

This recommendation requires further analysis.

The safety, health and well-being of our students and staff is a foremost priority for our district and we are always willing to work with our local partners to support that priority. At the current time, budget constraints would prevent us from committing funds to new SRO programs. However, we support working with school districts countywide, the Marin County Office of Education, and law enforcement partners to explore the potential for new funding.

An update will be provided by November 23, 2019.