August 13, 2019

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903


Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Concur in and adopt the attached proposed response to the FY 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report regarding school resource officers and authorize the Board President to forward the response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court.


FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ALTERNATIVE: The Board may amend any suggested response.

REVIEWED BY:

County Counsel [X] N/A
Human Resources [X] N/A
Dept. of Finance [X] N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Crockett
Administrative Analyst

Reviewed by,

Matthew H. Hymel
County Administrator

Attachments: Response; Transmittal Memo; Grand Jury Report

CC: Marin County Sheriff-Coroner Robert T. Doyle
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Honorable Paul M. Haakenson  
Presiding Judge  
Marin County Superior Court  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Haakenson:

The Marin County Board of Supervisors' response to the FY 2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury Report “School Resource Officers Revisited” (May 23, 2019) is attached. The attached document responds to the response requests made of the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathrin Sears  
President, Board of Supervisors

CC:  Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
     Marin County Sheriff-Coroner Robert T. Doyle
RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT TITLE: “School Resource Officers Revisited”
REPORT DATE: May 23, 2019
RESPONSE BY: County of Marin Board of Supervisors

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered R2 has been implemented.
- Recommendation numbered R4 requires further analysis.

Date: August 13, 2019 Signed: [Signature]
President, Board of Supervisors
RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

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

This recommendation has been implemented.

The Marin County Sheriff's Office values the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and is committed to the safety and security of our schools. A fulltime SRO is specifically tasked to provide services, resources and develop partnerships at all schools in unincorporated Marin. The SRO is provided at no cost to the schools.

R4. The Marin County Sheriff's Office should have two additional full-time SRO positions.

This recommendation requires further analysis.

Our understanding is that the Sheriff's Office and the Marin County Office of Education are working together on a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the School Violence and Prevention Program. If awarded, this grant would provide funding sources for additional countywide SRO training and school safety planning. If grant funding is not received, additional General Fund support should be considered as part of our annual budget process so that we are considering this request in comparison with other important County staffing needs.