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The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
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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 please find the response requested by the 2018-19 Marin County Grand Jury from the Reed Union School District Board of Trustees to the recommendations (R1, R2, R9, R10, R11) from the report "School Resource Officers Revisited" dated May 23, 2019.

Sincerely,

A.J. Brady, President
Reed Union School District Board of Trustees

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

Reed Union 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 not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Though we do not have an SRO program, our district works closely with our local law enforcement partners regarding the safety and security of our schools, and we feel that the current level of services is meeting our district needs. Additionally, a Tiburon Police Department Sub-Station is located on the Bel Aire School campus.

We would support discussions about the potential for future program expansion as resources are become available, and work with local law enforcement to provide additional training to a proposed middle school campus supervisor.

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

Response:

This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Our district understands that the safety and security of our students is one of our highest priorities. We continually work with our local police departments to support that priority. At the current time, budget constraints would prevent us from committing funds to a new SRO program.

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.

Though our district does not have an SRO program, we work closely with our police departments and municipalities regarding school safety and security and we feel that the current level of services is meeting our district needs. We would support discussions about the potential for future program expansion as resources become available.

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 collaborating with our local partners on grants, as well as participating in countywide funding opportunities for school security. We will continue to cooperate 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 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

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