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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 please find the response requested by the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Ross School District Board to the recommendations (R1, R2, R9, R10, R11) from the report *School Resource Officers Revisited*.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our public schools and the health and wellness of our county's young people.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Robinson, President  
Ross School District Board of Education

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Michael McDowell, Ed.D.  
Ross School District Superintendent

To the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report  
*School Resource Officers Revisited*

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**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:**

**Option B**

This recommendation will require further analysis.

Though we do not have an SRO program, our district works in consultation with our own 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.

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.**

**Option B**

This recommendation will not be implemented.

Our district understands that the safety and security of our students is our primary responsibility and a very high priority. We are always willing to work with our local partners to support that priority. At the current time, the Ross School District works in partnership with our local police department in the Town of Ross to support our school safety needs.

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:**

**Option B**

This recommendation has been implemented.

Though our district does not have a SRO program, we work closely with our local law enforcement partners 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:**

**Option A**

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:**

**Option A**

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 a new SRO programs. 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.

An update will be provided by November 23, 2019.