

# ROSS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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

August 21, 2019

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

Re: Grand Jury Report: School Resource Officers Revisited

The Ross Valley School District is responding as requested by the 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury to the recommendations (R1, R2, R9, R10, and R11) from the report School Resource Officers Revisited.

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,

*Ross Valley School District works in collaboration with our law enforcement partners regarding all aspects of safety in our schools. At this time, the current level of services is meeting the district needs. The district is always willing to explore how we can more effectively utilize our law enforcement partners through professional development.*

*The district is always amenable to discussing any potential opportunities if the program becomes more accessible.*

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

*Ross Valley School District believes that a high priority is to keep students safe. We continue to collaborate with our local partners to keep students safe. At this time, we are unable to implement this recommendation and commit funds to develop an SRO program due to budgetary constraints.*

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.

*Ross Valley School District does not have an SRO program. However, the district works closely with our local law enforcement partners which include the Marin County Sheriff, San Anselmo Police, and Fairfax Police as well as the city councils regarding school safety. The current level of services is meeting our district needs. However, we would be in support of any expansion of resources.*

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

*The district would collaborate and partner with local partners in obtaining grants and would participate in a countywide effort to secure funding for school security. We currently and will continue to collaborate with the Marin County Office of Education to identify and apply for any grant funding for school security and safety.*

R11: School Districts and municipalities should consider sharing the costs and services of SRO programs.

*The district believes that the safety and security, as well as our students' well-being of our students, is of utmost importance and we always work with our local partners to support this priority. The District's budget constraints prevent the district from committing funds to support an SRO program. As a district, we support working with other districts, the Marin County Office of Education and law enforcement partners to explore opportunities for funding that becomes available.*

On behalf of the students and families in the Ross Valley School District, thank you for supporting the public schools in developing linkages with our local partners and community agencies to provide a safe learning climate.

Sincerely,



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Director of Student Services