August 15, 2019

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

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

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

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,

[Signature]
President, Board of Trustees

[Signature]
District Superintendent
August 15, 2019

To: The Marin County Civil Grand Jury
From: The Board of Trustee, Shoreline Unified School District
Re: Response to the 2018-19 Marin 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 has been implemented.

Our district currently has an SRO program with the Marin County Sheriff’s Office and expects it to be retained.

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.

The Shoreline Unified School District understands that the safety and security of our students is our primary responsibility and a high priority. We are always willing to work with our local partners to support that priority. The designation of funding for an SRO programs may not be possible given budget constraints. We will, however, work with the Marin County Office of Education and the Marin County Sheriff’s Office 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 Marin County Sheriff’s Office.

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 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.