

September 9, 2019

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

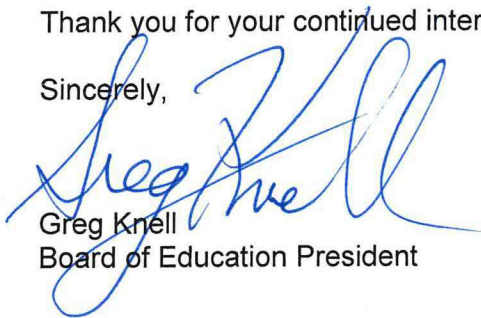
Pat Randolph, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

The San Rafael City Schools (SRCS) Board of Education, together with Superintendent Jim Hogeboom, acknowledge the efforts of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury for highlighting the importance career technical education, outlined in its report dated June 27, 2019, titled "The Status of Career Technical Education in Marin County." Attached please find the requested response to the recommendations (R1, R2, R3) from the San Rafael City Schools Board of Education.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our Marin County public schools.

Sincerely,



Greg Knell
Board of Education President



Jim Hogeboom
Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION

- R1:** During the 2019-2020 school year and annually thereafter, a career night should be offered at each high school for all students and parents featuring various CTE options as well as the more traditional offerings.

Response

The recommendation requires further analysis.

We agree that CTE options need to be featured and promoted along with all other course offerings and opportunities for students. Analysis is needed to determine if there are existing events with widespread student and family attendance, such as annual academic planning evenings, open houses or Back to School Nights that could provide an opportunity for featuring CTE information rather than a career night.

Currently, SRCS provides students and families with a number of opportunities to learn about CTE options as well as different career offerings available to them, including a Career Day at each of our comprehensive high schools. In addition, SRCS counselors and teachers specifically promote CTE course offerings during the open enrollment period at each of our high schools. Lastly, within each of our specific CTE pathways, teachers discuss career opportunities with students that are available to them through their specific industry sector.

An update will be provided by December 16, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

- R2:** Throughout the 2019-2020 school year and annually thereafter, parents should be made aware of the income potential and career security enjoyed by people in the trades.

Response:

The recommendation requires further analysis.

We agree that information is accurate and relevant about all potential careers, including those in the trades, should be accessible to parents and students as they think about possible careers. SRCS offers semester-long learning opportunities for students with North Bay Builders Association and Classic Car Restoration that focus on the various trades and possible earning income potential within those specific industry sectors. In addition, we offer advance automotive and industrial arts training at Terra Linda High School that provides students and their parents with information about income potential and career security.

Since earning potential and career security in the trades is directly related to formal post-secondary training and certification, additional opportunities will be analyzed to share information about apprenticeships and community college certification programs as part of the post-secondary transition process.

An update will be provided by December 16, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

R3: In the 2019-2020 school year and periodically thereafter, all high school counselors should receive in depth training in the available CTE opportunities to enable them to effectively counsel all students.

Response:

The recommendation requires further analysis.

Working in conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education, our SRCS counselors will receive information about CTE courses, countywide programs and work-based learning opportunities in an online "CTE Toolkit" that can readily and easily share CTE information with students, families and employers. Marin County School to Career Partnership staff in each district will meet with counselors to orient them to the information.

In addition, SRCS counselors are extremely knowledgeable about our CTE offerings at each of our two comprehensive high schools and readily make this information available to all students during the open enrollment period. Lastly, we have an internship coordinator who helps students meaningful and appropriate hands-on learning opportunities with various industry sectors.

An update will be provided by December 16, 2019.