

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Redwood, San Andreas, Sir Francis Drake, Tamalpais and Tamiscal High Schools

July 16, 2019

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

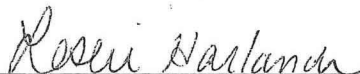
Pat Randolph, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

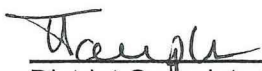
Attached, please find the response requested by the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Tamalpais Union High School District Board to the recommendations (R1, R2, R3) from *The Status of Career Technical Education in Marin County* report.

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,



President,
District Board of Education



District 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. Currently, all 9th grade students partake in an interest inventory that provides them a list of potential careers based on the student's areas of interest. From the inventory, students are provided a list of courses that are available in the areas of interest, which include CTE courses and programs. Further, our schools provide overviews of all programs to incoming students during registration. At Tamalpais High School and Sir Francis Drake High School, incoming 9th grade students and their parents/guardians are represented the various programs and elective course offerings. At Redwood High School, incoming 9th grade students and their parents/guardians meet in small groups with a counselor who reviews all of the programs and courses available to students, including CTE options.

Analysis is needed to determine if these existing could be augmented to provide more in-depth information regarding CTE programs available on our campuses.

An update will be provided by December 16, 2019.

- 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 that 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. Currently, our Automobile Technology Program articulates with College of Marin and the students are provided opportunities to attend field trips and to hear guest speakers who address the issue of earning potential. Additionally, 10th grade students build upon their interest inventory and do a career exploration, which includes average earning for someone in the field. However, the District will explore further opportunities to share information, with students and parents, 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 district 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.

An update will be provided by December 16, 2019.