

Lagunitas School District Response  
To the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report  
***Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic***

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R1: ....all school Districts should increase initiatives to provide students, parents, and the community with more information and support on vaping prevention and cessation. Initiatives should include digital and social media content, including materials for middle and high schools.**

This recommendation is being implemented.

The Lagunitas School District has partnered with the San Geronimo Valley Community Center and provided space for a forum and communication to parents and students for a community education event about the dangers of vaping. The District will continue to participate in that type of community outreach.

In addition, the District will include information about vaping in all health education programs from grades 6- 8.

Lastly, the Superintendent has developed a communication plan intended to keep the topic of vaping “above-the-radar” in the minds of students and parents and to assist students in efforts to ensure that vaping increasingly becomes socially unacceptable among the adolescent peer group.

R4:

**Each school district should install vaping detectors in school bathrooms and other areas where vaping frequently occurs.**

This recommendation will not be implemented.

The Lagunitas School District has traditionally been circumspect of outside agencies making specific decisions related to local school management especially when those decisions might have an impact on the culture of the school. Vaping detectors (or any surveillance device) would send a message to students that would conflict with the ethos of the school and its time-honored desire to educate students to be responsible and trusting.

The district also believes that on a campus with only 2 middle school bathrooms, a middle school enrollment under 100, and little evidence of regular vaping on campus, that vaping

detectors would quickly become well known among students and that any vaping that occurs in bathrooms would be driven elsewhere.

Even if vaping detectors did yield the apprehension of vaping students (an open question) the vaping event itself could prove embarrassing to students- essentially giving the impression that the school views addiction-related behavior as a disciplinary matter rather than the health issue that we believe it to be.

Vaping detectors can cost over \$1,000, a significant sum for a small school especially given the lack of local support for their purchase, limited capacity to address the vaping issue and lack of resources to address whatever information they might provide in terms of identifying students who vape within a limited setting and schedule.