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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 Marin County Superintendent of Schools/Marin County Board of Education to the recommendations (R1, R2, R3, R4) from the report *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*.

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,

CLAIRETTE C. WILSON, President
Marin County Board of Education

MARY JANE BURKE,
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic

Report Date: May 9, 2019

Agenda Date: July 9, 2019

Response by: Clairette C. Wilson & Mary Jane Burke

Title: President, Marin County Board of Education
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: Please see attached.
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.

(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.

(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Clairette C. Wilson, President
Marin County Board of Education

Signed: _____

Mary Jane Burke,
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

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RECOMMENDATION

R1: The County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services, the Marin County Office of Education, and 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.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented.

Much education in the community and at schools has been provided to date. The recommendation to increase education and outreach will be implemented during the 2019-2020 school year.

In partnership with the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, the Marin Prevention Network, and other community partners, the Marin County Office of Education has supported development of a comprehensive response to the issue of youth vaping that will include the following programs:

- Youth prevention activities
 - Delivery of research-validated prevention curriculum
 - Peer-to-Peer vaping prevention presentations
 - Youth-led school wide prevention events and activities

- Parent/community education
 - Natural Highs: Supporting Teens in making Healthy Choices – at Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) (April 2018)
 - Vaping Epidemic Parent Workshop – at MCOE and recording posted to MCOE website (October 2018)
 - Brief Intervention for Substance Using Adolescents – at Tamalpais Union High School District Office (December 2018)
 - Marin Voice: An All-out Campaign is Needed Against Vaping (printed in Marin Independent Journal on April 20, 2019)
 - A Parent's Guide for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use with vaping insert (mailed to all parents of incoming freshman in August 2018)

- School Staff/Administration Presentations
 - Marin Community United – Vaping and Our Children a Call to Action for Schools, Local Government and Community Partners (April 2019)

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- Digital content
 - Youth-created public service announcements
 - Peer produced videos
 - Student inspired graphic designs and poster

We fully agree with the Grand Jury's recommendation that school districts and community partners need to increase education and outreach regarding vaping and we will support expansion of the above strategies and the further development of cessation materials, as they are made available by healthcare partners.

An update will be provided by November 23, 2019.

R2: Marin County Office of Education should create and make available resources for students, parents, teachers, and the community stressing the dangers of vaping and where cessation assistance can be obtained.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented.

As stated in the Grand Jury report, parents and community members do not know that young people are vaping or the risks associated with vaping. In response to the rise in youth use of electronic cigarettes, the Marin County Office of Education, in partnership with Marin County Health and Human Services, local prevention coalitions, and local school districts, coordinated more than fifty prevention presentations to youth, parents, community members, and school staff, reaching more than 5,000 people in 2018-19.

In addition, Marin County Office of Education maintains a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) webpage at <https://www.marinschools.org/Page/270>. The webpage is kept up-to-date with relevant resources for prevention and cessation.

In 2019-20, the Marin County Office of Education will continue to coordinate in-person prevention presentations countywide, and intends to create and curate additional shared resources to be housed in a cloud-based shared drive.

An update will be provided by November 23, 2019.

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RECOMMENDATION

R3: The Marin County Office of Education should partner with high school coaches and the Marin County Athletic League, educate them on the dangers of vaping, and develop a program to stress those dangers to members of their teams.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented.

The Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) require annual training for all coaches. Building off of the success in integrating the concussion protocol to the annual training, Marin County Office of Education will work with MCAL and school districts to provide resources and training on vaping that may include identification of paraphernalia, prevention, intervention, and cessation resources.

An update will be provided by November 23, 2019.

R4: Each school district should install vaping detectors in school bathrooms and other areas where vaping frequently occurs.

Response:

The recommendation requires further analysis.

Some Marin school districts will be piloting the use of vape detectors with their local law enforcement partners. As school districts pilot programs, information related to success and deterrent factors will be assessed. The use of vape detectors in school bathrooms will require reviewing costs, school program considerations, and, an analysis of the effectiveness and best practices related to the use of vaping detectors. The analysis will be undertaken in conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin County Health and Human Services and school districts.

An update will be provided by November 23, 2019.