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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:

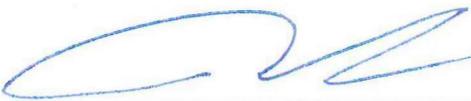
Attached please find the response requested by the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Ross School District Board to the recommendations (R1, R4) from the report *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*.

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,



Stephanie Robinson, President
Ross School District Board of Education



Michael McDowell, Ed.D.
Ross School District Superintendent

To the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report
Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic

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 fully implemented.

We fully agree with the Grand jury recommendation that school districts and community partners need to increase education and outreach regarding vaping. While much work has been done in this area, the seriousness of the situation requires us to expand our efforts. In conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education and the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, the Ross School District has developed a comprehensive response to the issue on which to build that includes:

- Youth prevention activities
 - Delivery of research-validated prevention curriculum
- 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)
- School Staff/Administration Presentations
 - Marin Community United – Vaping and Our Children a Call to Action for Schools, Local Government and Community Partners (April 2019)
- Digital content
 - Youth-created public service announcements
 - Peer produced videos
 - Student inspired graphic designs and poster

In partnership with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin Health and Human Services and the Marin Prevention Network, our district will participate in the development of a more comprehensive response to the issue of youth vaping that will include expansion of the above strategies and the further development of cessation materials as they are made available by healthcare partners.

An update on the analysis will be provided by the Ross School District in November 23, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Response:

Option B

The recommendation requires further analysis.

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. As school districts pilot programs, information related to success and deterrent factors will be assessed.

An update on the analysis will be provided by the Ross School District in November 23rd, 2019.