



MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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September 3, 2019

Board President Anne Capron
Ross Valley School District
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Re: Vaping, An Under-the-Radar Epidemic, May 16, 2019

Dear Ms. Capron:

The Grand Jury received your response to the above-titled report and finds that it does not comply with the requirements of Section 933.5 of the California Penal code in the following respects:

- R1 - A response of “will be implemented” must include a date by which the matter will be implemented.
- R4 - A response of “requires further analysis” must include a date by which the analysis will be completed.
- Please provide us with these dates.

Attached is an excerpt of Section 933.3 for your reference.

The Grand Jury requests that you resubmit your response in its entirety within ten days of the date of this letter, following the directions contained in our original letter of transmittal.

Sincerely,

Lucy Dilworth

Lucy Dilworth, Foreperson
2019-2020 Marin County Civil Grand Jury

§ 933.05 of the California Penal Code (excerpt, emphasis added)

- a. For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:
 1. The respondent agrees with the finding.
 2. The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
- b. For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:
 1. The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
 2. The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **with a timeframe** for implementation.
 3. The recommendation requires further analysis, with 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 head 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.
 4. The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefore.
- c. However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.
- d. A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.

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Pat Randolph, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
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August 13, 2019

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

Re: Grand Jury Report: Vaping: An Under the Radar Epidemic

The Ross Valley School District is responding as requested by the 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury to the recommendations (R1 and R4) from the report, Vaping: An Under the Radar Epidemic.

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.

Ross Valley School District wholeheartedly agrees that the school district and the surrounding community partners should provide education in regards to vaping. We have collaborated with the Marin County Office of Education and the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services and have written and received the TUPE Disparities Grant as part of our effort to be able to deliver evidence-based prevention curriculum, presentations to our students from peers on December 11, 2018 and developing student leaders to support events and activities.

In addition, the district recognizes the importance of including the parent community and developing and providing community education. We have had presentations on the White Hill Middle School Campus on December 10, 2018, for parents and other members of the community. The district has also provided our parent community with information about other local presentations:

- *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)*

In addition, the district believes in developing students that can make good decisions and developing resiliency. Therefore we have increased the number of counselors on our White Hill Middle School campus in order to support our students in developing these and other social and emotional skills and to increase engagement. The district believes that having the students deliver some of the content to their peers makes the message stronger.

The District will collaborate with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin Health and Human Services and the Marin Prevention Network in order to develop a comprehensive approach to this issue.

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

The district needs to analyze if the use of vape detectors in school bathrooms will deter students from vaping. In addition, this will require reviewing costs as well as analyzing the effectiveness and best practices related to the use of vaping detectors. The analysis will be in collaboration and conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin County Health and Human Services and school districts. The district will review the results of the pilot programs as well as any data related to the use of vaping detectors being a real and effective deterrent.

On behalf of the students of Ross Valley School District, thank you for supporting the public schools in providing awareness to the health and wellness issues our students and their families face.

Sincerely,



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Director of Student Services