



June 11, 2013

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: 2013 Marin County Fair "Schools Rule"

Dear Board Members,

RECOMMENDATION: Hear brief informational presentation and update on plans for the 2013 Marin County Fair from Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Schools Superintendent, and me.

The Marin County Fair in partnership with **Marin County Office of Education** will present a fair-wide education extravaganza. Enjoy the new **Marinovators** in the Exhibit Hall and learn more about the past, present, and future of all things educational. Our signature exhibit will feature interactive learning pods showcasing the latest in educational technology and possibilities for the future. Outdoors, build a solar race car, design a computer, or create your own robot in the new **Make Your World Pavilion**.

Thanks to the leadership of the Intel Clubhouse, Autodesk, Maker Faire, Strategic Energy Innovations, Marin County Office of Education, and Schools Rule Foundation, among many others, this fair will showcase the ways students and teachers collaborate, share, problem-solve, and create--with and without technology--to facilitate learning. Twenty of the brightest young minds in Marin will share their visions for our future in the new KIDS Talks, modeled on the popular TED Talks series. The Marin County Fair is experiencing record participation in fair contests and exhibits, from a spelling bee to robotics, from dairy cows to healthy desserts. Now in its 72nd year, the Marin County Fair reflects the county in all its colorful traditions and innovations. The fair promises family fun, leading-edge and exciting exhibits, great concerts, thrilling rides, adorable farm animals, and spectacular fireworks every night.

SUMMARY: We want to thank your Board for making the 2013 Marin County Fair possible. This year's fair is a celebration of Marin's vibrant educational community through the theme, **Schools Rule**.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Farley".

Jim Farley
Director

cc: Mary Jane Burke
Marin County Schools Superintendent

Cultural Services Commission

