RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT TITLE: “School Resource Officers Revisited”
REPORT DATE: May 23, 2019
RESPONSE BY: County of Marin Board of Supervisors

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered R2 has been implemented.
- Recommendation numbered R4 requires further analysis.

Date: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________

President, Board of Supervisors
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The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

R2. Municipalities, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in Marin County should make SRO programs a high budgetary priority.
This recommendation has been implemented.

The Marin County Sheriff’s Office values the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and is committed to the safety and security of our schools. A fulltime SRO is specifically tasked to provide services, resources and develop partnerships at all schools in unincorporated Marin. The SRO is provided at no cost to the schools.

R4. The Marin County Sheriff’s Office should have two additional full-time SRO positions.
This recommendation requires further analysis.

Our understanding is that the Sheriff’s Office and the Marin County Office of Education are working together on a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the School Violence and Prevention Program. If awarded, this grant would provide funding sources for additional countywide SRO training and school safety planning. If grant funding is not received, additional General Fund support should be considered as part of our annual budget process so that we are considering this request in comparison with other important County staffing needs.