



**LARKSPUR-
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VIA U.S. POST

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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 to this letter is the response from the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District to the recommendations (R1, R4) of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's report "Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic." Similar to other Grand Jury Reports, this report also raises an issue related to the health and safety of all students in our schools. As with prior reports of Grand Juries over the years, these investigations have resulted in improvements in policies and procedures in our school district.

Thank you for being a partner in supporting the health and wellness of our County's young people.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mueller, Board President
Larkspur-Corte Madera School District

Brett Geithman, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Attachment

Responses to the 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report

“Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic”

Responses from the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 been implemented.

LCMSD fully agrees 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. A summary of past and ongoing actions include:

- Comprehensive anti-tobacco/vaping presentations have been made to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Hall Middle School this school year.
- Redwood High School Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) peer educators presented to the 6th graders.
- Two parent education evening events (one dedicated to the vaping epidemic and another to drug and alcohol awareness, which included vaping) were held this school year.
- The middle school counselor put information in the weekly parent bulletin from the Marin County Grand Jury report, along with a link of the report.
- The 8th grade leadership class met with the Redwood TUPE peer educators to brainstorm more ways to get the information to students about the dangers of vaping.
- Marin Community United Event (Vaping and Our Children, a Call to Action for Schools, Local Government and Community Partners) held in April of 2019 was attended by Trustees and the Superintendent Geithman.
- Continue to partner with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin Health and Human Services and/or the Marin Prevention Network to participate in the development and implementation of more comprehensive responses to the issue of youth vaping and further development of cessation materials as they are made available by health partners.

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

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented.

LCMSD's Director of Facilities will outfit all middle school bathrooms with vaping detectors before the 2019-20 school year begins.