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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:

Please find enclosed the Mill Valley School District Board of Trustee's response to recommendations (R1 and R4) from the report ***Vaping: An Under-the Radar Epidemic.***

Please know we appreciate your continued interest in and support of our public schools and the health and wellness of our county's young people.

Sincerely,

Leslie Wachtel, President  
Mill Valley School District

Raquel Rose, Interim Superintendent  
Mill Valley School District

Mill Valley School District Response  
To the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report  
**Vaping: An Under-the Radar Epidemic**

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**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 been implemented.

The Mill Valley School District (MVSD) fully agrees with the Grand Jury's recommendation that school districts and community partners shall increase opportunities to educate to the community on vaping. The MVSD has been actively educating the parent community and students about the effects and dangers of vaping for some time now. Through newsletters, parent/guardian education events, and classroom instruction to students the district has been addressing this issue directly and on an ongoing basis. We will continue to analyze how our activities have positively influenced our students and we will adjust as needed.

In partnership with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin Health and Human Services and the Marin Prevention Network, MVSD may participate in the development of a more activities to address the issue of youth vaping.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Response:**

The recommendation requires further analysis.

Mill Valley School District is committed to eliminating vaping on our school campuses, although we need to explore the viability of placing vape detectors in school bathrooms. In collaboration with our local school districts, the Marin County Office of Education and Marin County Health and Human Services we will need to evaluate the costs, programmatic considerations, and analyze the effectiveness and best practices related to the use of vaping detectors. As school districts pilot programs, information related to success and deterrent factors will be assessed.

An update on our analysis will be provided by November 9, 2019.