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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 please find the response requested by the 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Reed Union School District Board of Trustees in regard to recommendations (R1, R4) from the report *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*, dated May 9, 2019.

Sincerely,

AJ Brady, President of the Board

Dr. Nancy Lynch, Superintendent

AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: **Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic**

Report Date: **May 9, 2019**

Response Date: **August 9, 2019**

Agency Name: Reed Union School District Agenda Date: June 4, 2019

Response by: Dr. Nancy Lynch Title: Superintendent

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1-11
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R1 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach 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 director 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.)
- Recommendations numbered R4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: June 10, 2019 Signed: Nancy Lynch

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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 efforts to address vaping began on June 6, 2016 with a letter to parents sent from Del Mar Middle School to inform them of recent incidents of students experimenting with e-cigarettes (vaping) on campus. The letter advised parents on how to talk to their children about the dangers of this activity, the peer pressure they may experience, and monitoring students over the summer. A link to Being Adept, a drug and alcohol program taught to students in grades 6-8, was shared with parents for them to gain additional information.

On October 10, 2018 a letter was sent to parents informing them about the Vaping Epidemic Workshop to be held on October 8, 2018 at the Marin County Office of Education at 6:30 p.m.

On December 4, 2018 the PTA sponsored a parent education event titled Protecting Our Youth Against Substance Abuse at Del Mar Middle School.

On February 14, 2018 a letter to the Del Mar staff was sent from the principal to be aware of the increasing trend of students vaping on or off campus, citing increased monitoring of bathrooms. Additionally, the principal included a brochure from Disease Control Program of Marin County Department of Health and Human Services which provided information on vaping. On this same day a newsletter to parents was sent to provide them additional information about occurrences of vaping on and off campus, outlining steps the school has taken to combat the problem. Pictures of vape pens and the brochure shared with staff were also provided to parents, with information to contact the school psychologist if their child needed support if they struggle with vaping or decision making.

On March 20, 2019 an informational letter similar to those mentioned above was provided to parents with links to resources. It also highlighted the parent education opportunity the previous night that focused on the Being Adept program that educates middle school students on alcohol, drug and tobacco education and prevention tools.

On March 27, 2019 information was shared with parents through a newsletter about an event at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library titled The Truth About Vaping and Juuls to be held on April 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Response:

The recommendation will not be implemented, because it is not reasonable.

The cost of 15 Fly Sense vaping detectors needed for Del Mar middle school would cost \$15,465, plus an annual service cost of \$2,250. In addition to the device and service cost, would be the cost to provide power over ethernet which would including wiring/cabling of all restrooms. In total, this recommendation is cost prohibitive. The school will continue its current measures of education and monitoring areas where vaping can occur.