

SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 20, 2019

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 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Shoreline Unified School District Board to the recommendations (R1, R4) from the report *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our public schools.

Sincerely,



Jill Manning-Sartori, President
Shoreline District Board of Trustees



Bob Raines, District Superintendent

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 not been fully implemented yet.

We fully agree with the Grand Jury recommendation that school districts and community partners need to increase education and outreach regarding vaping. While we have done some work in this area, the seriousness of the situation requires us to expand our efforts. In conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education and the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, the Shoreline Unified School District has developed a comprehensive response to the issue on which to build that includes:

- Youth prevention activities
 - Delivery of research-validated prevention curriculum
 - Peer-to-Peer vaping prevention presentations
 - Youth-led school wide prevention events and activities
 - Social Advocacy for youth counselor on site weekly at our high school campus

- Parent/community education
 - Natural Highs: Supporting Teens in making Healthy Choices – at Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) (April 2018)
 - Vaping Epidemic Parent Workshop – at MCOE and recording posted to MCOE website (October 2018)
 - Marin Voice: An All-out Campaign is Needed Against Vaping (printed in Marin Independent Journal on April 20, 2019)
 - A Parent's Guide for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use with vaping insert (mailed to all parents of incoming freshman in August 2018)

- School Staff/Administration Presentations
 - Marin Community United – Vaping and Our Children a Call to Action for Schools, Local Government and Community Partners (April 2019)

- Digital content
 - Youth-created public service announcements
 - Peer produced videos
 - Student inspired graphic designs and poster

In partnership with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin Health and Human Services and the Marin Prevention Network, our district will participate in the development of a more comprehensive response to the issue of youth vaping that will include expansion of the above strategies and the further development of cessation materials, as healthcare partners make them available.

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to the 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report
Vaping: An Under-the Radar Epidemic

RECOMMENDATION

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 use of vape detectors in our school bathrooms will be cost prohibitive to our budget. Each unit can cost up to \$1,000 each, plus the cost of implementation and would require alert service fees annually. However, in conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin County Health and Human Services we will continue to educate our students and parents, analyze other school districts programs, and implement any practices/programs that relate to success and deterrent factors.