

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Redwood, San Andreas, Sir Francis Drake, Tamalpais and Tamiscal High Schools

July 16, 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:

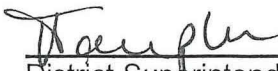
Attached, please find the response requested by the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Tamalpais Union High School District Board to the recommendations (R1, R4) from the report *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*.

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, our public schools and the health and wellness of our county's young people.

Sincerely,



President District Board of Education



District Superintendent

Tamalpais Union High School District
Response to the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report
Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic

The Tamalpais Union High School District appreciates the work of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury and the report issued teen vaping. Below, we have provided responses to recommendations presented within the Civil Grand Jury Report: *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*

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 yet been fully implemented.

We fully agree 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. In conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education and the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, the Tamalpais Union High 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
 - Redwood High School TUPE program vaping print materials created and disseminated to students (spring 2019)

- 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)
 - Brief Intervention for Substance Using Adolescents – at Tamalpais Union High School District Office (December 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)
 - Escape the Vape communication to Tamalpais Union High School District parents and guardians (April 22, 2019)

- 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 they are made available by healthcare partners.

An update on programs will be provided by October 11, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Response:

The recommendation is being implemented.

Over the summer months of 2019, the district is installing vaping detectors in school bathrooms at the following school sites Sir Francis Drake High School, Tamalpais High School, Redwood High School, San Andreas High School and Tamiscal High School and will be assessing effectiveness. These devices require internet access and therefore the District had to install additional cabling prior to the installation.

An update on the analysis will be provided by October 11, 2019.

Sincerely,
 Leslie Harlander
 Board President
 Tamalpais Union High School District