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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
501 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 Miller Creek Elementary School District Board of Trustees 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,

Brad Honsberger
President Board of Trustees
Miller Creek School District

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Interim Superintendent
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Miller Creek Elementary School District Response to the

2018-19 Marin County 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 been partially implemented.

During the 2017-18 school year, the Miller Creek School District participated in education and outreach activities to inform our students and families about vaping and prevention and cessation strategies. In partnership with the Marin County Health and Human Services, the Marin County Office of Education, and the Marin Prevention Network, Dr. Matt Bellace presented to over 600 middle school students on pursuing “Natural Highs” and building resilience. In partnership with the Marin County Sheriff, our School Resource Officer hosted a parent presentation on trends associated with vaping.

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Miller Creek School District participated in education and outreach activities to inform our students, families and staff about vaping and prevention and cessation strategies. More than 400 middle school students participated in vaping prevention education. Miller Creek Middle School also hosted a parent education evening about vaping prevention, advertising, and cessation strategies. Digital resources were shared with the parent community to provide updated information, tools, and resources.

We fully agree with the Grand Jury recommendation that school districts and community partners need to increase education, outreach and resources regarding vaping. The seriousness of the situation requires us to expand our efforts.

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Department of Health and Human Services, and the Marin Prevention Network, the Miller Creek School District will participate in the development of a more comprehensive response to the issue of youth vaping that includes:

- Youth prevention activities
- Parent/community education
- Digital content to provide expanded information, tools and resources for students, parents and schools staff

An update on programs will be provided by November 23, 2019.

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.

The use of vape detectors in school bathrooms will require reviewing costs, school program considerations, and, an analysis of the effectiveness and best practices related to the use of vaping detectors. The analysis will be undertaken in conjunction with the Marin County Office of Education, Marin County Health and Human Services and school districts. As school districts pilot programs, information related to success and deterrent factors will be assessed.

An update on the analysis will be provided by November 23, 2019.