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The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons
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 Simmons and Foreperson Randolph:

Attached please find the response requested by the 2017-18 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the San Rafael City Schools Board to the recommendations (R7, R8) from the report "Yellow School Bus for Congestion Relief". Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our public schools. The District's response was approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting of July 23, 2018.

Sincerely,

Greg Knell, President
San Rafael City Schools Board of Education

Michael Watenpaugh, Ed.D.
District Superintendent

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Marin's Retirement Health Care Benefits: The Money Still Isn't There San Rafael City Schools

July 23, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

- R7. School districts (with or without existing YSB programs) and municipalities within the urbanized area of the County should join and actively participate in the YSB committee providing guidance to Marin Transit on YSB issues, such as cost allocations, bell times and routes. The initial meeting should be held by October of 2018.

Response:

The San Rafael Elementary School District is prepared to participate on a Yellow School Bus (YSB) committee to explore the potential expansion of YSB services in Marin. We acknowledge that part of the work will be working with partners, including public agencies, organizations, and the community at large, to identify funding that is ongoing and reliable in order to maintain the service into the future.

Our schools understand that we play a role in addressing the issue of traffic congestion in Marin. That prompted our work, commencing in 2015, with the Transportation Authority of Marin and Marin Transit, to research the impacts of schools on traffic congestion and potential ways to mitigate those impacts. Results have included bus transportation and alternative modes of transit, including safe bike and walking routes, to reduce traffic in congested areas. The potential for expansion of the YSB services in Marin is a logical next step in that discussion. We look forward to addressing this important work with our partners.

RECOMMENDATION

- R8. The YSB committee should work toward the establishment of a coordinated YSB for K-8 program for the urbanized areas of Marin with the goal of beginning the coordinated program by the 2019-2020 school year.

Response:

The San Rafael Elementary School District (SRESA) is willing to work towards the establishment of a coordinated YSB for K-8 programs with the goal of beginning the coordinated program by the 2019-2020 school year. The SRESA is also willing to join and actively participate in a potential meeting to be held in October 2018 with the discussion of such important topics as cost allocation, bell times, routes, etc.