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Lagunita Elementary School District

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To: The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulseley Judge of the Superior Court County of Monterey
240 Church Street Salinas, CA 93901
RE: Response to the 5.9.22 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report
"Excellence in Action: Monterey County's Educational Response to COVID-19"

Dear Honorable Judge Hulseley:

The 2022 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report - "Excellence in Action: Monterey County's Educational Response to COVID-19" - focuses on the importance of effective practices for school safety in the context of a public health crisis.

Lagunita Elementary School District Trustees agree with the Grand Jury Report that our schools performed extremely well in an unprecedented moment, and that the Monterey County Office of Education provided valuable coordination and support. Below please find the Lagunita Elementary School District's and the Lagunita Superintendent's responses to the findings and recommendations.

Findings

F1. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding. We wish to share this commendation with our staff as well, who performed marvelously under difficult and unpredictable circumstances.

F5. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding. Our staff worked diligently to address issues of internet accessibility for all students and provided the very best education possible under challenging conditions.

F8. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding.

F9. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding. MCOE was an incredible partner in facilitating access to crucial technology that benefited the County as a whole, including Lagunita students.

F10. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding.

F11. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding.

F12. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding.

F13. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree with this finding.

Recommendations

R1. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree that behavioral support has been crucial, and we want very much to continue our relationship with MCBH to provide a counselor on-site.

To this point, this recommendation was implemented before the pandemic and continues to be a budget priority, at great expense.

R2. The Lagunita Elementary School District and the Lagunita Superintendent agree that learning loss mitigation is a priority, and we want very much to maintain a robust academic intervention program at Lagunita.

To this point, this recommendation was implemented before the pandemic and continues to be a budget priority, at great expense.

We thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the findings and recommendations of the 2022 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report - "Excellence in Action: Monterey County's Educational Response to COVID-19."

Sincerely,

Don Chapin
Lagunita Board President

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Date: 6/28/22