



North Monterey County Unified School District

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February 7, 2023

Honorable, Stephanie Hulsey
Judge of the Superior Court
c/o Office of the County Counsel
168 W. Alisal Street, 3rd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: 2021 – 2022 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report – “ Excellence in Action:
Monterey County’s Educational Response to Covid-19”

Dear Judge Hulsey;

Please see the response from North Monterey County Unified School District regarding Monterey County’s Civil Grand Jury’s final report:

Recommendations for Schools:

R1 School districts maintain a minimum level of one behavioral support staff member at each school site until the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

The recommendation has been implemented through the 2022-2023 school year and the North Monterey County Unified School District plans to continue behavior support staff to support each school site through 2025-2026.

R2 School districts maintain learning loss mitigation programs and extended learning opportunities until the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

The recommendation has been implemented through the 2022-2023 school year and the North Monterey County Unified School District plans to continue to provide various learning loss mitigation programs and extended learning opportunities for each school site through 2025-2026.

Findings for Schools: North Monterey County Unified School District Response

F1 Educators and classified staff in Monterey County are to be commended for their initiative and flexibility in meeting the challenges of COVID-19. From the MCOE Superintendent to the newest part-time classroom



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aide, county educational employees went beyond their job descriptions in meeting the needs of students and their families during the pandemic.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

F5 Administrators, teachers, and information technology staff in Monterey County are to be commended for making great strides in providing remote learning devices and solving internet access problems during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

F8 Despite a lack of preparedness at many levels of government, MCOE, school districts, and staff responded to the impact of the pandemic in a timely manner.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

F9 Monterey County successfully expanded internet connectivity due to the efforts of MCOE, industry partners, grant institutions, the Digital Task Force, and school district investment in technology.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

F10 There is increased collaboration and coordination among agencies that provide services and support, including the MCOE, Monterey County Behavioral Health, the Monterey County Health Department, internet partners, school districts, support providers, and community groups.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

F11 Administrators, teachers, parents, and students are all extremely concerned about students' social-emotional issues arising from COVID-19.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

F12 Administrators, teachers, parents, and students are concerned about the learning loss that took place during the 2020-2021 school year. There is an urgent need for mitigation of such a loss.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.



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F13 There is the potential for significant fiscal disruption with the continuing loss of ADA and the end of additional federal funding occurring at the same time.

NMCUSD agrees with the finding.

We hope this information satisfies the required response. North Monterey County U.S.D. apologizes for the delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kari Yeater".

Kari Yeater
Superintendent
North Monterey County U.S.D.