
June 11, 2024

Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Cover Letter
Response due by July 19, 2024

The Honorable Judge Mark Talamantes
Marin County Superior Court
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San Rafael, CA 94913-4988
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Rod Kerr, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
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San Rafael, CA 94903
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Dear Judge Talamantes and Foreperson Kerr,

Attached please find the response requested by the 2023-2024 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the **Bolinas-Stinson Union School District** to findings (F1-F5) and recommendations (R1-R7) from the **A Free Public Education Includes School Supplies** report.

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,

Nathan Siedman

Nathan Siedman, President
Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Board

Leo Kostelnik

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Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Superintendent

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Findings:

F1	Some Marin public schools do not comply with the “free public education” law because they ask students or their families to bring supplies to school.
Response	Select One: • I (we) agree with the finding.
F2	Schools may not circumvent the “free public education” law by offering families any kind of waiver or exemption option.
Response	Select One: • I (we) agree with the finding.
F3	Some Marin public schools distribute supply lists to families that indicate the family can seek a waiver or become exempt from bringing supplies in some specified way.
Response	Select One: • I (we) agree with the finding.
F4	Some Marin public schools distribute supply lists to families that are labeled “optional.”
Response	Select One: • I (we) agree with the finding.
F5	Teachers often spend their personal funds to provide supplies, materials, or equipment for students.
Response	Select One: • I (we) agree with the finding.

Recommendations:

R1	All Marin public schools should follow California’s “free public education” law.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District follows California Education Code 49011 and 56040(a) regarding the provision of a free and appropriate public education.
R2	Marin public schools should provide, at no cost to the student or their families, all the supplies, materials, and equipment necessary for students to fully participate at school.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District provides all required supplies, materials, and equipment at no cost to students or their families to fully participate at school.

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R3	Marin public schools should not distribute school supply lists to students or their families.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District do not provide school supply lists to students or their families.
R4	Marin public schools should not distribute school supply lists that indicate the supplies are optional.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District does not distribute school supply lists indicating that the supplies are optional.
R5	The superintendent of each school district should ensure that the schools in their district are in compliance with California law with respect to school supplies.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Superintendent has directed and ensured that all supplies, materials, and equipment needed to participate in educational activities within BSUSD is provided free of charge.
R6	If a Marin public school chooses to solicit donations of any kind from anyone, whether the solicitation is on paper, verbal, or electronic, such as a website or email, the school should make it clear that donations are not required but rather are entirely voluntary.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas Stinson Union School District does not require donations of any kind and always ensures that any donations are solicited as voluntary contributions.
R7	Marin public schools should not put teachers in a position where they need to use their personal funds to provide supplies, materials, or equipment for students to fully participate at school.
Response	Select One: • The recommendation has been implemented. The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District is committed to providing all the supplies, materials, or equipment needed by our teachers and staff. Any approved purchases made by teachers for their classrooms is reimbursed by BSUSD.