

June 21, 2024

The Honorable Judge Mark Talamantes  
Marin County Superior Court  
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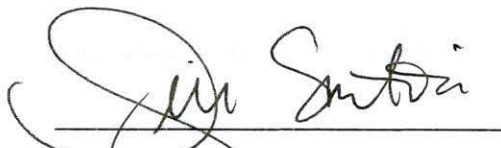
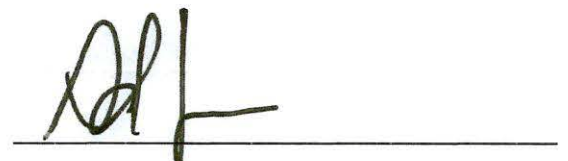
Rod Kerr, Foreperson  
Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
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Dear Judge Talamantes and Foreperson Kerr,

Attached please find the response requested by the 2023-2024 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Shoreline Unified School District 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,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Manning-Sartori, President  
Shoreline Unified School District Board  
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Adam Jennings  
Shoreline Unified School District Superintendent

Shoreline Unified School District  
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**Findings:**

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| 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 | <b>We agree with the finding.</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| F2       | Schools may not circumvent the "free public education" law by offering families any kind of waiver or exemption option.                                                 |
| Response | <b>We agree with the finding.</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| 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 | <b>We agree with the finding.</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| F4       | Some Marin public schools distribute supply lists to families that are labeled "optional."                                                                              |
| Response | <b>We agree with the finding.</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| F5       | Teachers often spend their personal funds to provide supplies, materials, or equipment for students.                                                                    |
| Response | <b>We agree with the finding.</b>                                                                                                                                       |

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**Recommendations:**

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| R1       | All Marin public schools should follow California's "free public education" law.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Response | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Shoreline Unified School District schools and classes follow California Education Code 49011 and 56040(a) regarding the provision of a free and appropriate public education.</li> </ul>                              |
| 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 | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoreline Unified schools and classes provide all required supplies, materials, and equipment at no cost to students or their families to fully participate at school.</li> </ul>                                         |
| R3       | Marin public schools should not distribute school supply lists to students or their families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Response | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoreline Unified schools and classes do not provide school supply lists to students and their families.</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |
| R4       | Marin public schools should not distribute school supply lists that indicate the supplies are optional.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Response | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoreline Unified schools and classes does not distribute school supply lists indicating that the supplies are optional.</li> </ul>                                                                                       |
| 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 | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoreline's Superintendent has directed and ensured that all supplies, materials, and equipment needed to participate in educational activities with Shoreline schools and classes is provided free of charge.</li> </ul> |
| 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 | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoreline Unified does not require donations of any kind and always ensures that any donations are solicited as voluntary contributions.</li> </ul>                                                                       |
| 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 | <p>The recommendation has been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoreline Unified is committed to providing all the supplies, materials, or equipment needed by our teachers and staff.</li> </ul>                                                                                        |