

Grand Jury Report

REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title: Mendocino County School Nutrition Programs

Report Dated: May 29, 2018

Response Form Submitted By:

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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: July 28, 2018

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:

F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-9, F-10, F-11 and F-14

- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have *attached* a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

F-8, F-12, and F-13

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:

- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future; **attached, as required**, is a time frame for implementation:

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- The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and **attached, as required**, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)
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- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable; **attached, as required**, is an explanation therefore:

R-1 through R-6

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 1

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail in pdf file format to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@mendocinocounty.org
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Damon Dickinson, Ph.D.

Title: Interim Superintendent

Signed:  Date: 7/24/18

My statement specifying any portion of the Findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore:

More information is needed. I believe that the findings numbered above accurately reflect some of the districts reviewed by the Grand Jury. I (we) need further information supporting this finding before concluding that it is accurate for all districts. However, because these findings represent conditions in, at least, some districts they also will be reviewed with district superintendents as we discuss the Grand Jury's report and explore support for school nutrition programs.

My responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

While I respect and appreciate the focus of the Grand Jury on school nutrition programs, Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE) has no legal authority over implementation of the recommendations by school districts, nor does MCOE operate a child nutrition program. Lunches for students attending programs administered by MCOE are provided by other educational agencies.

As the Interim County Superintendent of Schools, I do commit to working with school districts through the Mendocino County Superintendents Council and presenting the above recommendations for discussion. The membership of the Superintendent's Council includes all district superintendents and the county superintendent. The council will consider ways in which collaboration among school districts and MCOE might provide additional supports for districts in the administration of their child nutrition programs.