

**Grand Jury Report  
RESPONSE FORM**

**RE: Report Titled: *Mendocino County Small Coastal Schools***

**Report Dated: 6/14/10**

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***Response Form Submitted By:***

Catherine Stone  
District Superintendent  
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***Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: 9/14/2010***

***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:  
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.  
3, 8

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

- The following Recommendation(s) have \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:  
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- 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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*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.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury). 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 (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: [grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us)
- The Presiding Judge: [grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov](mailto:grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov)
- The County's Executive Office: [ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us)

**Second Step:** Mail all originals to:

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

Printed Name: Catherine Stone

Title: Superintendent

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: June 17, 2010

## **GRAND JURY REPORT**

### **Response to FINDINGS**

Finding #3: The percentage of students who transfer in from outside the District is between 20% and 25% (not 15% and 20%).

Finding #8: ROP classes offered include: Computer Technology (Graphics and Animation, Desktop Publishing) and Theater Technology.  
The District offers and funds the following: Wood Shop, Photography, and Computer Programming.

### **Response to RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation #1: Mendocino High School has put a lot of effort into finding the best way to serve lunch to students. This has been the subject of much study over the past 5 years. Based on the surveys, research conducted, and the consultation of a nutritionist, lunch service was moved from the cafeteria to the hallway. In addition, meal offerings were updated and improved based on input from all stakeholders. More meals are purchased now than before the study on the program was undertaken. This is seen as confirmation that the study provided valid recommendations regarding lunch service and lunch offerings.

It should also be noted that Mendocino High School has an open campus and most of the students go off campus to purchase their lunch in town. Local merchants have worked with the District to provide student-friendly lunches, as the District recognized that students greatly preferred to leave campus during lunch. It is very hard to compete with commercial vendors not restricted by the mandates of the school lunch program.

Mendocino High School will not be changing its current lunch program, but will continue to monitor it and make changes and upgrades.

Recommendation #2: The elevator will be thoroughly cleaned this summer. In addition, maintenance and custodial workers have been notified of this finding and will monitor the cleanliness of the elevator more closely.