

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : The Mendocino Unified School District Special Education Program

Report Dated : July 10, 2022

Response Form Submitted By:

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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:
October 19, 2022

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:

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.

Findings 5 through 10

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:

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:

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)

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:

Recommendations 4, 5, and 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: 102

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. 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@mendocinocounty.org
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- Please also send a courtesy copy to: The County's Executive Office: ceo@mendocinocounty.org

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

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

Printed Name: Michael Schaeffer

Title: President, Mendocino Unified School District Board of Trustees

Signed: Michael Schaeffer

Date: 10/10/2022

The District will request that two such sessions be held in the 2022-2023 school year. An interpreter will be provided if needed.

Recommendation R6:

The MUSD shall develop a more transparent budget by the 2023-24 school year which clearly outlines special education service costs, legal costs defrayed by SELPA, unbudgeted legal costs that encroach on the district's general fund, and staff development costs associated with special education training. The Superintendent shall make an annual report to the Board of Trustees on these associated special education budget items. (F5-F10)

Response:

This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

The District follows accepted accounting and budgeting guidelines and makes its full and complete budget publicly available. The budget is discussed regularly at Board meetings, and special education budget items are included as part of the District Superintendent's regular reports to the Board. MUSD welcomes members of the public to attend and participate in Board meetings and become more informed regarding the budget. School district budgets can be difficult to read, but staff are available to meet with any community member who has questions about the District's adopted budget.

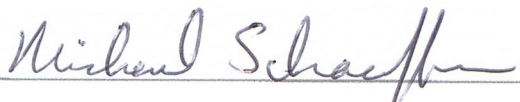
Furthermore, as mentioned above, the word "encroach" is outdated and discriminatory, and the Grand Jury should reconsider its use of such exclusive language.

The Board adopted the foregoing response at a meeting of this Board held on the 5th day of October 2022 by the following vote:

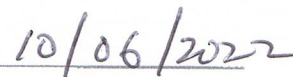
AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT/NOT VOTING: 1 (Absent)



President of the Board of Trustees



Date

MENDOCINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT