



June 9, 2026

The Honorable William J. Pendergast III, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
600 Union Ave
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Presiding Judge Pendergast III,

Response to Solano County Civil Grand Jury Continuation High Schools Report

Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD) takes our vision and mission very seriously. We strive to have all of our students graduate from high school with “More than a Diploma”. This includes college readiness, career readiness, and life skills to navigate their future paths successfully.

VUSD is appreciative of the Solano Grand Jury for analyzing all districts in Solano County with respect to our most at-risk students. Credit acquisition and the associated skills are of utmost importance to our success.

Findings

F7. The Vacaville Unified School District does not have a standalone Continuation High School to provide extra resources and support to credit-deficient high school students.

R7. The Vacaville Unified School District continues to explore avenues to offer a standalone school to ensure Vacaville High School students have the same access to resources and support as other students in Solano County.

Response from VUSD

Although VUSD does not have a traditional Continuation High School, it does have multiple ways for students to make up credits. In addition to the continuation classes at the comprehensive high schools (Vacaville High, Will C. Wood), VUSD has a dependent charter school named Ernest Kimme Charter Academy. In many ways, it operates like a continuation school and has many of the same supports and opportunities for credit recovery. Kimme also has strong career and college classes for the students to learn advanced skills in addition to credit recovery. Kimme will



graduate around 100 students for the 2025-2026 school year, most of whom were credit-deficient when entering Kimme.

In addition, VUSD is always exploring other avenues for our credit-deficient students, including offering a standalone traditional continuation school.

Respectfully,

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Ed Santopadre
Superintendent