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**Response by the Vacaville Unified School District
to the Solano County Grand Jury Report:
Security Impact on Graduation Rates
In Solano County High Schools**

September 6, 2014

Introduction

The 2013-2014 Solano County Grand Jury completed a report regarding High School students and safe learning environments. Of specific concern was the impact of a safe learning environment on a student's ability to complete their high school education.

After reviewing various data sets, completing site visitations, and interviewing staff, the Solano County Grand Jury concluded that there was a link between adequate security and higher graduation rates. Specifically, the report contained two findings and concurrent recommendations pertaining to the Vacaville Unified School District. Specifically, the recommendations were:

1. Recommendation
 - a. All high schools in Solano County identify funding to implement the Resource Officer program.
2. Recommendation
 - a. All high schools will take the necessary measures to ensure compliance with California Education Code 38003.

Vacaville Unified School District Response

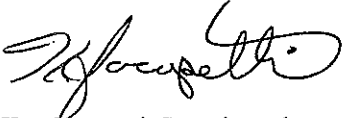
The Vacaville Unified School District will be in full compliance with the recommendations contained in the report by October 15, 2014. Specific actions include the following:

1. Response to recommendation No. 1
 - a. The Vacaville Unified School District has maintained, and continues to maintain, an excellent relationship with the Vacaville Police Department. Through this relationship there continues to be the presence of School Resource Officers available at our high school sites throughout the school day as well as at significant high school activities. This continues to be a high priority for the district and the police department. The Resource Officers have specific schedules for each of our schools but are available and can travel to any of our sites depending on the severity of various situations that arise.
2. Response to recommendation No. 2
 - a. The School Resource Officers all are identifiable by badges and uniforms. Our high schools also have Campus Supervisors who assist in campus safety and supervision. By October 15th, all of our Campus Supervisors will have and be required to display identification cards bearing their photograph and signature and the signature of the Superintendent of Schools. We will also have our middle school Campus Supervisors wear badges.

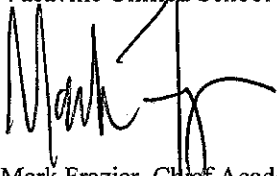
Summary

This report is provided to the Solano County Grand Jury and includes the required responses to the recommendations pertaining to the Vacaville Unified School District. Thank you for the report as well as the opportunity to provide this written response.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Vacaville Unified School District



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