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Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force Report

March 14, 2018

What we do ~ When we do it ~ Training ~ Collaboration
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Today's Topics

- Efficiency & Effectiveness Webpage
- Marin County School Community Communication, March 2018
- Marin Student Leadership Summit Retreat, February 2018
- Crisis Response – Suicide Postvention Protocols

Efficiency and Effectiveness Committee Webpage

The Efficiency and Effectiveness webpage lives on the main homepage of the Marin County Office of Education website under Community Partnerships and houses a variety of information, including the following:

- Background and Statement of Purpose
- Task Force Committee Co-Chairs and Members
- Task Force Committee Meeting Dates
- Task Force Committee Meeting Notes, Materials and Presentations
- Task Force Reports that include the MCOE 60-Second Topic Reports on the various collaborative work taking place in the county

To view the Efficiency & Effectiveness Webpage [Click Here](#)

Marin County School Community Communication

In response to the devastating loss at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, the Marin County Sheriff's Office and the Marin County Office of Education collaborated to issue a Marin County School Community Communication dated March 7, 2018.

The communication addresses the nationwide planned days of action in the month of March (See Attached).

Marin Educators of Student Leaders (MESL) Cohort

As an update to the report provided at the Efficiency & Effectiveness meeting of November 8, 2017 on Marin Educators of Student Leaders (MESL) Cohort, below is information on the Youth Summit.

The Marin Student Leadership Summit brought together students, advisors and educators for a weekend in February to learn, collaborate and to articulate their goals and ideals. See attached article by Levine, A. and Galli, K. (2018, March 12). [Marin Voice: Marin teens want to be heard about our schools](#). *Marin Independent Journal*.

Crisis Response – Suicide Postvention Protocols

The Marin County Office of Education is working on a state-wide protocol guidebook that will serve as a tool and resource in responding to a suicide of a school community member.

The guidebook is comprised of recommended actions and responses beginning with Day Zero of an event and includes sample communication templates in communicating with parents and the media.

The guidebook is currently in draft form and once finalized will be available countywide.



MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 200, San Rafael, CA 94903

ROBERT T. DOYLE
Sheriff - Coroner
MICHAEL J. RIDGWAY
Undersheriff

March 7, 2018

Dear Marin County School Community:

The Marin County school community joins our nation in mourning the seventeen teenagers and school staff whose lives were tragically lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. No community should ever have to experience such a devastating loss. It is our hope that from these unthinkable circumstances, positive change can occur through civic and legislative action.

In recent weeks our nation has witnessed a student-led call to action to prevent gun-related violence from occurring again. We are proud to stand with the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and ALL students nationwide who demand action. These are the students who have grown up in a world where lock-down drills and headlines about yet another gun-related tragedy are the norm. We are proud of our young leaders who are exercising their right to advocate for stricter gun control laws. They are our future and they refuse to stand on the sidelines.

These efforts have resulted in nationwide planned days of action in the month of March:

- Wednesday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. – The National School Walkout will take place for 17 minutes to commemorate the 17 victims of the Parkland shooting.
- Saturday, March 24 – The March for our Lives will take place in Washington, D.C. and is sparking local marches in solidarity, including one in San Francisco.

Since March 14 falls on a regular school day, Marin's school leaders are working closely with our students and law enforcement to devise the best strategies for supporting our students' rights and above all ensuring that our students are safe. Individual schools/districts may have different strategies which will be conveyed to students and parents.

This advocacy effort is an example of democracy in action. Our students are exemplifying civic responsibility and using the rights provided in our Constitution to incite change. We are proud to see our youth leading these efforts and we support the ultimate goal of keeping our schools and our communities free from gun violence.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools

Sheriff Robert T. Doyle, Marin County Sheriff

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Estimada Comunidad Escolar del Condado de Marin:

La comunidad escolar del condado de Marin se une a nuestra nación en luto por los diecisiete adolescentes y el personal escolar cuyas vidas se perdieron trágicamente en la Escuela Secundaria Marjory Stoneman Douglas en Parkland, Florida. Ninguna comunidad debería tener que experimentar una pérdida tan devastadora. Es nuestra esperanza que a partir de estas circunstancias impensables, un cambio positivo puede ocurrir a través de la acción cívica y legislativa.

En las últimas semanas, nuestra nación ha sido testigo de un llamado a la acción liderado por estudiantes para evitar que la violencia relacionada con las armas se repita. Estamos orgullosos de apoyar a los estudiantes de la Escuela Secundaria Marjory Stoneman Douglas y a TODOS los estudiantes de todo el país que exigen acción. Estos son los estudiantes que han creído en un mundo en donde los simulacros de bloqueo y los titulares sobre otra tragedia relacionada con las armas de fuego son la norma. Estamos orgullosos de nuestros jóvenes líderes que ejercen su derecho a abogar por leyes de control de armas más estrictas. Ellos son nuestro futuro y se niegan a mantenerse al margen.

Estos esfuerzos han resultado en días de acción planificados a nivel nacional en el mes de marzo:

- Miércoles, 14 de marzo a las 10:00 a.m. – La Protesta Escolar Nacional (National School Walkout) tendrá lugar durante 17 minutos para conmemorar a las 17 víctimas del tiroteo de Parkland
- Sábado, 24 de marzo - La Marcha por Nuestras Vidas se llevará a cabo en Washington, DC y está inspirando marchas locales en solidaridad, incluida una en San Francisco.

Dado que el 14 de marzo cae en un día escolar regular, los líderes escolares de Marin están trabajando estrechamente con nuestros estudiantes y las fuerzas del orden para diseñar las mejores estrategias para apoyar los derechos de nuestros estudiantes y sobre todo garantizar que nuestros estudiantes estén seguros. Las escuelas / distritos individuales pueden tener diferentes estrategias que se transmitirán a los estudiantes y padres.

Este esfuerzo de abogar por sus derechos es un ejemplo de democracia en acción. Nuestros estudiantes ejemplifican la responsabilidad cívica y usan los derechos provistos en nuestra Constitución para incitar el cambio. Nos enorgullece ver a nuestros jóvenes dirigiendo estos esfuerzos y apoyamos el objetivo final de mantener nuestras escuelas y nuestras comunidades libres de violencia con armas de fuego.

Atentamente,

Mary Jane Burke, Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Marin
Sheriff Robert T. Doyle, Sheriff del Condado de Marin

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Marin Independent Journal (<http://www.marinij.com>)

Marin Voice: Marin teens want to be heard about our schools

By Abbey Levine and Kendall Galli

Monday, March 12, 2018

Leadership takes a variety of forms for Marin County teens; and many have developed leadership skills on their school campuses, in their classrooms and through extracurricular programs.

Educators work tirelessly from within the existing school structure to cultivate leadership in their students. Whether planning an election, peer tutoring, peer mentoring, individual goal setting, or using restorative justice protocols to help a peer get back on track, our schools are filled with young people eager to serve their fellow students, develop personal agency and grow their potential as future leaders.

In the debate for the best ways to create conditions in our schools that allow for them to thrive and succeed, the voices which need to be heard the most — student voices — are often ignored.

As educators of these future leaders, we know we must be purposeful about listening to young people, and to place young people in central roles for designing and implementing solutions that will work for them and their peers.

So the first annual Marin Student Leadership Summit Retreat was born. Amazing students and incredible advisers came together for a weekend in February to learn, collaborate, and articulate some of their goals and their ideals.

The below value statements, developed at the retreat by the student leaders themselves, showcase the incredible passion and focus of Marin's student leaders. As just a few of their educators, we are proud to have witnessed the collective power of their voices.

“We represent various leadership programs on our campus — Student Government, Link Crew, Peer Resource, AVID, Wellness, WISE Mentoring — that each work to improve the climate and culture of our schools. After a weekend at Walker Creek (just four days prior to the school shooting in Parkland, Florida) where we discussed important issues facing our school communities, including equity, race, opportunity, physical safety, and social and emotional health, we recognize the power of our collective voice to impact our school campuses.

“We are over 150 student leaders from Tomales High School, Novato High School, Terra Linda High School, San Rafael High School, Marin Catholic High School, Sir Francis Drake High School, Redwood High School and Tamalpais High School.

“We come from different communities. We have different mascots. But we all believe that students deserve places to learn where they are safe, valued and respected.

“We understand that many will assume that due to our age we are emotional and uninformed. This is untrue. We are educated and versed in the issues that continue to disrupt the fabric of our education. We are future voters, future parents and future leaders of this country and we will be heard.

“Nationwide (March 14), our generation will take what we have learned in our schools about being passionate, proactive and involved citizens and we will use our voices to speak our frustration and fears we have around the issues that directly affect our lives on our school campuses.

“We commit to being engaged as student leaders in Marin on our collective campuses to address the issues we care about. We will work together across our county to do this. We will speak with volume.

“We will act with conscience and we will engage civilly and civically.

“Hear us. Watch us. Support us.

“Below are our shared beliefs which we affirm to honor and implement. We commit to elevating the discussion and continuing to push for courageous conversation to that end.

“We believe that our schools should:

“• Provide a sanctuary for learning; where in every hallway, and in every classroom we have no fear for our physical safety, every day.

“• Be places where there is equity — all students should have a voice and access to quality education and academics.

“• Celebrate our differences.

“• Encourage and provide resources for self-care, social and emotional health, and wellness.

“• Be inclusive in places that cultivate positive climate and positive culture, and where students feel a sense of belonging.

“• Be a place where respect drives relationships between students, between students and teachers, and between students and administrators.”

Abbey Levine is a teacher at Tamalpais High School. Kendall Galli is a teacher at Sir Francis Drake High School and Marin’s Community School.

URL: <http://www.marinij.com/opinion/20180312/marin-voice-marin-teens-want-to-be-heard-about-our-schools>

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