



TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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J. Patrick Burke, Foreman
Civil Grand Jury 2004-2005
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 303
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Mr. Burke:

You have asked the Tamalpais Union High School District to write a response to your Findings F1 through F4 and Recommendations R2 and R3. Although some of the Findings and Recommendations seem not to apply to our school district, I will try and answer them as best as possible:

Findings

- F1. Tamalpais Union High School District does produce statistical reports using function codes which are prepared as part of the financial audit required by the State for each district.
- F2. The budgetary amount spent on general administration within the Tamalpais Union High School District is below the average spent for high school districts in the State of California.
- F3. The consolidation of smaller districts would depend on whether they are revenue limit or basic aid districts. This Finding does not seem to impact or affect the Tamalpais Union High School District.
- F4. In any reorganization, there are many different pluses and minuses for reorganization. One of those may be the salary differences between and among districts.

Recommendations

- R2. The Tamalpais Union High School District does ensure that it accurately codes expenses to conform with the State audit and State mandates.
- R3. The Tamalpais Union High School District analyzes its breakdown of expenses in all categories on a continual basis.

Hopefully, these responses will assist for your report.

Sincerely,

Bob Ferguson, Superintendent
Tamalpais Union High School District