

# Konocti Unified School District

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Civil Grand Jury  
County of Lake  
P.O. Box 1078  
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**RE: Konocti Unified School District's Civil Grand Jury response  
Poor Student Attendance Costs Lake County Public Schools**

Members of the Civil Grand Jury:

Contained herein, please find the Konocti Unified School District Board President's response to the Civil Grand Jury's Final Report for 2017-18.

R3. The County Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendents of the various school district should publish to their Boards, parents and communities P1, P2, and P3 attendance reports along with an estimate of revenue loss due to absenteeism.

*RESPONSE: Konocti Unified does provide information regarding attendance to the sites and Board. We can also include the loss of revenue associated with the absenteeism and post on our website.*

R4. School districts should establish specific programs involving parents and children in promoting school attendance. (i.e. proven programs from other counties such as "attendance buddies", car-pooling, walking groups, etc. for the lower primary grades.) This can be quickly enacted, have minimum cost, and show significant impact.

*RESPONSE: Konocti Unified supports each school site in promoting school attendance and can include your suggestions in the list of options. Each school has its own challenges due to demographics and location which limits the implementation of some programs. Konocti Unified continues to stress the importance of attendance. In addition to the truancy letters and referrals to SARB, the district also sends letters before school starts to those students/parents who had a high absenteeism rate the previous year.*

Please contact Donna Becnel, Superintendent, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



**Bill Diener**  
**Board President**  
**Konocti Unified School District**

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