

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In early Spring 2016, the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) commissioned a review of the Sausalito Marin City School District (District) from the State's Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT). The ensuing report, rather than supporting a collaborative process to solve the challenging achievement gap that the District faces at both Bayside MLK and its independent public charter school, Willow Creek Academy (WCA), makes sweeping allegations against the District, delivering politicized misinformation. This has resulted in division, distraction, and a false perception that the District is biased.

MCOE has approved every District budget for the last decade and, more recently, the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). In addition, the District's independent auditors have presented no qualified findings and the District's financial condition is healthy.

As such, the following District response has been prepared to debunk the myriad of false conclusions and assertions, factual inaccuracies, and misstatements of law that have unfortunately misdirected focus and attention. The District rejects the largely flawed report as it fails to provide comprehensive value to our citizens, community, and most importantly, our students.