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Letter from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, May 6, 2026

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Thu, May 7, 2026 at 3:38 PM

Dear Ms. McMullan,

Thank you for your letter regarding The Redwood Bark. We appreciate your interest in student press issues and share the belief that student journalism and free press play an important role in public education.

The Tamalpais Union High School District has a long-standing commitment to student journalism and we remain fully committed to upholding student free expression rights consistent with California law.

We would like to clarify the circumstances referenced in your letter. With respect to the February social media post, a concern was raised involving the identification of a private individual. The post was briefly paused while that concern was reviewed and was restored shortly thereafter once it was determined that the information referenced was both factual and publicly available. The matter was resolved quickly.

Regarding concerns related to the February cover image, there is no investigation. When concerns are raised through formal complaint processes, the district is required to review them; however, such review does not limit student editorial decision-making or student press rights. Again, the matter was resolved.

At all times, the district's focus has been to support student journalists while ensuring they understand the responsibilities that come with publishing.

Thank you for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Courtney

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On Wed, May 6, 2026 at 11:28AM Marie McMullan <marie.mcmullan@fire.org> wrote:

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