

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
UPDATE TO THE AGENDA**

**May 1, 2008**

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**EDIT**: The attachment, which was not ready when the agenda went to print,  
has been added (*pages 2-4 of this update*)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISCUSSION

05/01/08

FROM: DIANNE TALARICO / TIMOTHY R. WALKER /  
LAUREL SCHMIDT

**UPDATE**

RE: REVIEW POLICY 6115.1 - SALUTE TO THE FLAG

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. D.02

During agenda planning, the Superintendent was asked to bring forward for review the current Board Policy related to the Pledge of Allegiance, along with any associated California Education Code sections referencing the Pledge. Following are: The current Board Policy 6115.1 (Salute to the Flag) and California Education Code §52720 (Daily performance of patriotic exercises in public schools).

Purpose:

- Discuss the current policy and its relation to, and meeting the conditions of, California Education Code §52720 funding options
- Give direction to staff related to any desire to bring this item back as an action item.

History:

The current Board Policy 6115.1 was adopted by the Board of Education on March 27, 1978, and last reviewed by the Board of Education on February 8, 1982.

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>		
6115.1	Instruction	Salute to the Flag		
<u>SUBTOPIC</u>	<u>POLICY</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>	<u>EXHIBIT</u>	
Schedules	X			

**DETAIL**

A daily Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States shall be required in each school of the District.

**REFERENCE**

EDUCATION CODE  
Legal Reference:  
Education Code: 52720

**MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**

<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>REVISED</b>	<b>CSBA DATE</b>
March 27, 1978	February 8, 1982	

**DISTRICT GOAL**

CALIFORNIA CODES  
EDUCATION CODE  
SECTION 52720

52720. In every public elementary school each day during the school year at the beginning of the first regularly scheduled class or activity period at which the majority of the pupils of the school normally begin the schoolday, there shall be conducted appropriate patriotic exercises. The giving of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America shall satisfy the requirements of this section.

In every public secondary school there shall be conducted daily appropriate patriotic exercises. The giving of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America shall satisfy such requirement. Such patriotic exercises for secondary schools shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations which shall be adopted by the governing board of the district maintaining the secondary school.