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ARE YOUR POLICIES AND HANDBOOKS CURRENT?

New Policies Required for the 2005-06 School Year

- Prohibition of Bullying and Intimidation (Minn. Stat. § 121A.0695)
- Out-of-State Travel by Elected Officials (Minn. Stat. § 471.661)
- Reward for Crime Information (Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, subd.22)

New Policies Required for the 2006-07 School Year

- Wellness Policy (P.L. 108-265, § 204)

Notices Required to be Contained in Student Handbook

- Disability Non-discrimination
- Sexual, Religious and Racial Harassment and Violence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Pesticide Application
- Hazing
- Locker Policy

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this or any other school-related issue further, please do not hesitate to contact us at (651) 222-2811.

Constitution Day September 17

New Law Mandates Educational Program Pertaining to U.S. Constitution on September 17

Federal legislation passed in May of 2005 designates September 17 of each year as “Constitution Day” commemorating the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. Educational institutions receiving federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education must conduct an educational program on the United States Constitution for the students served by the educational institution. When September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, as it does in 2005, Constitution Day must be held the preceding or following week.

Without endorsing any particular program, the U.S. Department of Education provided several links to assist educational institutions in developing their Constitutional Day program (see below). School districts should note their Constitution Day activities in writing as evidence of compliance with the requirement.

Library of Congress:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/bdsds/bdsdhome.html>

U.S. Constitution:

http://www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/charters/constitution.html

National Archives Network of Research Facilities:

<http://www.archives.gov/locations/index.html>

U.S. Office of Personnel Management:

<http://www.opm.gov/>

U.S. Department of Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>