

PROPOSED NEW ASD PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBER DAVE DONLEY

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IS REQUESTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HIS PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PATRIOTISM IN ANCHORAGE SCHOOLS

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Approved by Governance Committee May 2024

Scheduled to be voted on at May 2024 Board Meeting as Memo 146

Returned to Governance Committee at May 21, 2024 meeting without action (5 for/ 2 against) Board Members who voted against even voting on this proposal: Bellamy, Lessons, Jacobs, Higgins, and Wilson

BP 6115 CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES Patriotic Exercises

[PROPOSED NEW POLICY IS BOLD AND UNDERLINED]

The School Board encourages activities that instill pride in our country. The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited and patriotic exercises conducted on a regular basis as determined by the School Board.

In all schools, the United States of America's National Anthem shall be played on the first school day of every month.

In all schools the Alaska State Flag Song shall be played following the National Anthem on the first school day of every month.

Individual schools may choose to begin additional school days with the National Anthem and/or Alaska State Flag Song.

The district respects the legal right of individuals not to participate in the salute to the flag for personal reasons. An individual not participating in the salute to the flag must maintain a respectful silence.

Special Days and Events

District schools shall commemorate special days and events in accordance with law. Schools are encouraged to recognize days and events of local significance.

District schools shall be closed in observance of Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July. Whether Veterans Day is a holiday or a regular school day will be recommended by the calendar committee, but if it is scheduled as an in-service day, employees may choose to use a personal day without penalty if they so choose. **In all schools the United States of America's National Anthem shall be played during any regular school day held on Veteran's Day, September 11, and December 7.**

During the last month of the school year in recognition of the two Federal holidays that are celebrated during the District's traditional summer break, the first two sentences of both the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation, whose reading in Texas on June 19, 1865 is now celebrated as "Juneteenth" shall be read over the public address system or other appropriate presentation at District Schools.

On Constitution Day September 17th, the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States shall be read over the public address system or at a school wide presentation during the day at District Schools.

Various dates throughout the year are significant to cultural, ethnic, and religious groups and should be taken into consideration when scheduling district or school activities.

The next Anchorage School Board meeting is Tuesday August 6 at 6pm at 5530 E Northern Lights Blvd Education Center. Until the morning before the meeting starts the public can call (907-742-4315) or **IN-PERSON before meeting starts sign up to testify (in person or by telephone) for 3 minutes.**

This communication is from Dave Donley as an individual member of the Anchorage School Board and parent; and does not represent the position of the Anchorage School Board or the Anchorage School District.