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Pledge of Allegiance

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-230(c), the Board of Education shall ensure that a period of time is set aside each school day to allow those students who wish to do so the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This policy shall not be construed to require any person to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, should they choose not to do so.

The Board of Education directs that an opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance shall be provided in each school day. Participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance is voluntary.

If, because of some personal philosophy or belief, a student has made the personal decision not to recite the "Pledge," he / she may choose to remain seated and silent. Students may wish to use this time to reflect on their belief or remember loved ones. In any event, all students must be courteous and respectful of the beliefs of others.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes <u>Section 10-230</u>

Public Act #02-119 an act concerning bullying behavior in schools and — concerning the

Pledge of Allegiance.

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