## **SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**

During the course of a school year, many opportunities are available to the instructional staff in the district schools to recognize the plural characteristics of American culture. What these days mean to minorities must be understood by the total society and viewed by educators as a unifying principle of our democracy.

In view of recent Supreme Court opinions, the school district will not sanction prayers, invocations, or benedictions at school sponsored ceremonies and observances as the Court says this would be a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

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