

**BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance**

On June 15, 1994, the New Hampshire State Board of Education adopted a "Statement of policy regarding reciting the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis in public elementary and secondary schools," unanimously affirming the view of the State Board that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance is a time honored yet simple and powerful practice that should be part of the daily school program in our public schools.

In accordance with the Barnstead School District's character and citizenship initiatives, with regard to the legislative intent expressed in RSA 194:15-a supporting the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and, in keeping with ED. 306.37 (c) requiring schools to provide opportunities to practice citizenship, the Barnstead School Board believes it is in the interest of our students that they be afforded the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance on a regular daily basis as part of the formal program of studies.

While the District certainly will accommodate those students who, for reasons of religion or conscience, choose to dissent from participating in the daily recitation of the Pledge, the Board strongly encourages each student to express his/her allegiance to the United States by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance each day as part of the School's regular program.

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