SOUTH COLONIE

CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED PRAYER IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education affirms the responsibilities of the District, consistent with applicable statutory/case law pertaining to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, to allow students and staff to engage in constitutionally-protected prayer. Constitutionally protected prayer should be voluntary, private, is not disruptive, and does not infringe upon the rights of others or the school's educational mission.

Board of Education policies shall not prevent, or otherwise deny participation in constitutionally-protected prayer.

United States Constitution, First Amendment Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Section 9524 Equal Access Act, 20 United States Code (USC) Sections 4071-4074

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