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MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The board of education acknowledges the concept of separation of church and state and the preclusion of sectarian instruction in public schools as established by the Constitution of the United States and Wisconsin Constitution and related court rulings.

The Medford Area Public School District recognizes that one of its educational goals is to advance the student's knowledge and appreciation of the role that our religious heritage has played in the social, cultural and historical development of civilization.

It is accepted that no religious belief or non-belief should be promoted by the school district or its employees, and none should be disparaged. Instead, the school district should encourage all students and staff members to appreciate and be tolerant of each other's religious views.

The board of education directs the district administrator to establish guidelines which govern the observance of religious holidays. The guidelines shall specify that learning materials, activities, decorations, programs, etc. shall serve instructional purposes only and not promote any particular belief.

CROSS REFERENCE: JB, JEFB, & INB
LEGAL REFERENCE: Article X, §3, Section 115.28 (13) Wis. Stats. & Wis. & U.S. Constitution & PI 41 Wis. Admin. Code