

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Wednesday
March 31, 2010
6:30 PM**

**Lovonya DeJean Middle School
Multipurpose Room
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801**

AGENDA

A. Call to order

* **B. Resolution No. 80-0910: Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities within the West Contra Costa Unified School District**

Comment:

Since the summer of 2008, the District has been working with local law enforcement agencies to promote the adoption of daytime curfew ordinances in each jurisdiction. Hercules was the first city to adopt the ordinance patterned after similar ordinances in other California cities as well as cities in other states. Over the past year, San Pablo, Pinole and El Cerrito have adopted similar daytime curfew ordinances. The police chiefs in West County and district administrators agree that a daytime curfew provides an additional means to enforce already existing truancy laws.

Recommendation:

Recommend approval of Resolution No. 80-0910: Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities within the West Contra Costa Unified School District

Fiscal Impact:

None

C. Adjournment

* The public may only address items which are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Governing Board welcomes and encourages public comment. Members of the public may comment on items included on this agenda; however, we ask that you limit your comments to 2 minutes so that as many as possible may be heard. The total time for public comment for each item is limited to no more than 30 minutes. (Education Code §35145.5, Government Code §54954.3)

Special Accommodations: *Upon written request to the District, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, will be provided. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 510-231-1101 at least 48 hours in advance of meetings.*

West Contra Costa Unified School District
1108 Bissell Avenue
Richmond, California 94801
Office of the Superintendent

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION---BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Board of Education **Meeting Date:** March 31, 2010
From: Bruce Harter **Agenda Item:** B
Superintendent
Subject: Resolution No. 80-0910: Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities within the West Contra Costa Unified School District

Background Information:

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Recommendation:

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Fiscal Impact:

None

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Tabled _____

West Contra Costa Unified School Board

Resolution No. 80-0910

**Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities
Within the West Contra Costa Unified School District**

WHEREAS, state law requires all person between the ages of six and eighteen to attend school;
and,

WHEREAS, students who have regular attendance are much more likely to learn, earn credit
toward high school graduation, and score at the proficient or advanced levels on the California
Standards Test; and,

WHEREAS, state funding for school districts in California is based on student attendance; and

WHEREAS, regular school attendance provides important benefits not only to the students
themselves but also to the health, safety, and welfare of all residents within Contra Costa County
and the five cities in the school district; and,

WHEREAS, according to our local law enforcement officials, truancy from school often leads
to vandalism, petty theft, daytime burglaries and other criminal activity; and,

WHEREAS, according to our local law enforcement officials, truants tend to loiter in and about
public places interfering with normal business activity; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Hercules, Pinole, El Cerrito and San Pablo have already adopted
daytime curfew ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Contra Costa Unified School
District Board of Education supports the adoption of a daytime curfew by the Richmond City
Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the West Contra Costa Unified School
District the 31st day of March 2010 by following vote:

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSENT _____ ABSTAIN _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted
by the Board of Education at the meeting held on March 31, 2010.

Madeline Kronenberg, President

Bruce Harter, Secretary