

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-11-18

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Legal Update

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ATTACHMENTS: None.

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Education to hear a legal update from Board Attorney Mike Parker as a follow-up to the North Carolina School Boards Association Annual Conference.

**BACKGROUND:** Mike Parker will update the Board on several legal matters including information from the North Carolina School Boards Association Fall Conference in Asheville October 19-21. Among the topics discussed at the Conference were timely issues such as legislative changes in the teacher tenure law and student discipline, restrictions on staff social networking, how to deal with whistleblowers and payroll deductions from final paychecks, cyberbullying and student free speech issues, use of service animals in the schools, Gfellar-Waller Concussion Awareness Act of 2011 and recent court decisions on student searches and interrogations.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board hear the update from Attorney Parker.