

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 6, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-06-12

ACTION ITEM (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Administrative Review (L.E.A.R.) Report

INFO. CONTACT Dr. George McFarley, Jr. **PHONE:** 919-732-8126

ATTACHMENTS:

1. L.E.A.R. Meeting Agenda (SAMPLE)
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PURPOSE: To present information to the Board of Education regarding the L.E.A.R. Program.

BACKGROUND: The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program places law enforcement officers in our secondary schools with the goal of creating and maintaining safe, secure, and orderly learning environments for students, teachers, and staff. The SRO Program also reflects the community's desire to maintain a proactive strategy designed to bring crime and erratic behavioral prevention and intervention into the schools.

The L.E.A.R. Program is a natural complement to the SRO Program because it provides a forum for the Sheriff's office and school staff to discuss what is happening in our schools on the law enforcement front. It also provides an opportunity to address strategies which mitigate some of the negative behaviors we see and to devise approaches to intervene when possible. Principals and SROs are the foundation for L.E.A.R. They meet once a month for one hour to discuss relevant topics and issues.

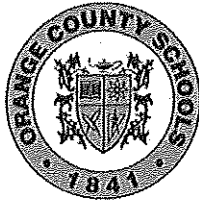
Attached is a sample L.E.A.R. Meeting Agenda. All meetings are facilitated through the use of an agenda that keeps the discussion focused on the topic(s) of the day. Other examples of topics discussed at the L.E.A.R. Meetings (not all inclusive) during the current school year are listed below:

- NCDPI Consolidated Crime and Violence Report
- Site Security
- De-escalation of Volatile Situations
- Duty to Report
- Drug Abuse Prevention
- Analysis of Suspension and Dropout Data
- Anti-Bullying Programs

The meetings usually consist of lively exchanges between the participants, and they do not always agree, but the meetings are conducted in an environment which encourages them to share their candid opinions with no fear of retribution. The most positive aspect of these meetings is to see what's happening in other schools and how it is being handled. The information sharing is invaluable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education receive for information the report on the L.E.A.R. Program.



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LEAR Meeting Agenda April 27, 2011, 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. ALSMS Media Center

1. Bullied: A Teaching Tolerance Documentary

2. OCS Anti-Bullying Programs

- PAS
- CWSMS
- CRHS
- GHMS
- ALSMS
- OHS

3. Future Meeting Dates/Locations

- May 18, 2011 CWSMS

4. Next Meeting

- Proposed Agenda Items
 - i. Compulsory Attendance
 - ii. School Law
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____