

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 6, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-06-15

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Criminal Background Record Checks for Volunteers

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ATTACHMENTS: None.

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**PURPOSE:** To provide the Board of Education with a status report on the proposed changes to the School Volunteer Registration process.

**BACKGROUND:** In November of 2008, the Board of Education revised Policy #5015 on School Volunteers. Background screening of all volunteers, in accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act, is now required.

The Board of Education discussed the volunteer registration process during its meeting on May 16. The district has cleared, or is in the process of clearing, 4,144 volunteers to date. Volunteers have the option of either submitting their information as a paper copy or through a secure portal on a computer in the district office.

The updated process will allow parents who do not have a social security number to undergo a background check by providing their driver's license number. This level of clearance will allow these parents to participate in student activities under the supervision of staff members.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education discuss the school volunteer approval criteria and procedures and provide feedback to staff on the process.