

RSU #63

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- I.** Maine law requires display of and instruction about the American flag in the classrooms of our schools.
- II.** In order to foster appreciation and respect for the flag as a symbol of our nation, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited each day and at assemblies and other appropriate occasions in every school. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent, through each building Principal, to ensure this policy is implemented.
- III.** The building Principal may determine how the Pledge will be initiated in the classrooms, such as by individual teachers or by intercom. The individual in charge of the assembly will be responsible for initiating the Pledge. The Chairman of the Board of Directors (the Board) will be responsible for initiating the Pledge in Board meetings.
- IV.** Teachers and students may not be compelled to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. However, teachers are not excused from duties to initiate and supervise student recitation of the Pledge as assigned by the Principal or from implementation of curriculum that promotes honor and respect for the flag and our country.