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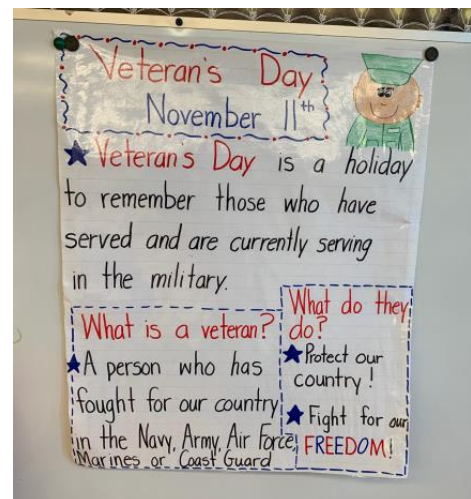
Executive Summary

New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated (RSA) 189:18 Patriotic Exercises

In accordance with NH RSA 189:18 on Patriotic Exercises (attached) each school in the Timberlane Regional School District will dedicate time, during the week prior to or after Veterans Day on November 11, 2019, to exercises of a patriotic nature. These exercises include the sharing of age-appropriate information and/or discussions related to the *Star Spangled Banner* and the *Pledge of Allegiance*. A summary of these activities, listed by school, is included below.

The Learning Center (TLC) at Sandown Central

At TLC, teachers plan to engage students in classroom-level discussions of the four branches of the military and the significance of Veterans Day. Kindergarten students will view a video in class with their teachers during Morning Meeting time, speak about the American Flag, and recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Each classroom teacher will lead their students through an activity to reinforce the significance of Veterans Day, the Flag and the National Anthem. Classroom discussions of Veterans Day will highlight the importance of service to others and connect this concept to the school goals of being kind, safe and respectful.



Atkinson Academy

Monday Morning Meeting on November 4 at Atkinson Academy was dedicated to Veteran's Day. Fifth graders sang a song entitled, *Thank You Soldiers*, which speaks to the meaning of Veteran's Day and why we celebrate. Other activities to commemorate Veterans Day will continue throughout the week. All grade level teachers will deliver lesson plans to examine the meaning of the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Students will learn about the significance and lyrics to the *Star*

Spangled Banner in music class. Students in pre-K and 1st grade will make a craft to share with veterans at the Veteran's Day program at the Atkinson Community Center. Kindergarten Students will also write and deliver letters to veterans at a local nursing home in Derry. Earlier this week, third grade students wrote Veterans Day cards and forwarded their Halloween candy to Coast Guard members serving on the USCG Aquidneck in Bahrain in the Persian Gulf. Later this week, students will also view a PowerPoint presentation that depicts the ways Atkinson honors veterans through pictures of local streets, buildings, bridges, and monuments. Following the PowerPoint lesson, the third graders will walk to the Town Hall to view the Vietnam Memorial Monument. Fourth grade students have decorated a Veterans Day bulletin board in the 4th grade hallway. Finally, on Friday, November 8, all staff and students are encouraged to show their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue.

The Danville School

The Danville School plans to honor Veterans Day through a variety of patriotic activities. Students will learn about Flag etiquette through resources developed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The school librarian has organized a display of books connected to Veterans Day so students may learn more about the history and meaning behind the day. A variety of Danville students wrote and sent holiday cards to members of the military to thank them for their service. In music class, and throughout the year, students learn about and sing patriotic songs including *This Land is Your Land*, *Grand Old Flag*, *America the Beautiful*, and the *Star Spangled Banner*. Students will gather at the flagpole outside of the school to recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*. At the school-wide assembly on Friday November 9, students will read the book, *The Wall*, hear about the history and meaning of the *Star Spangled Banner*, and sing the National Anthem together

The Pollard School

At the Pollard School, students recite the *Pledge of Allegiance* each day. During the week of Veterans Day, teachers of all grade levels will deliver age appropriate classroom lessons designed to enhance their students' understanding of the words and meaning of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *Star Spangled Banner*. For example, students may conduct a close reading of the text of

the *Pledge of Allegiance*. During this activity, students will annotate the text, highlight or underline words they are unfamiliar with, and discuss the meanings as a class. At the conclusion of the lesson, students may write or draw pictures to confirm their understanding of these two seminal American documents.

Sandown North

The Sandown North school community begins most weeks by gathering together at Monday Morning Meeting. Students, staff, and parents begin this meeting by collectively reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* and singing the *Star Spangled Banner* or another patriotic song. In addition to this weekly routine, Sandown North students will celebrate and honor Veterans Day through a variety of activities. During the month of October, students at Sandown North made and sent cards to service members in conjunction with the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge. On Friday, November 8, a Sandown North student will lead the school in the *Pledge of Allegiance* over the intercom. The school's media specialist has shared a variety of resources with staff, as well as a list of resources available in the library, that teachers may use to develop classroom lessons during the week of Veterans Day. These resources include books, DVDs and websites that discuss the symbolism of the American Flag and the significance of the *Star Spangled Banner* and *Pledge of Allegiance*. These lessons will be reinforced in music class, where students will sing and learn more about the meaning and the lyrics of various patriotic songs.

Timberlane Regional Middle School (TRMS)

During the week of Veterans Day, the advisory block at TRMS each morning will be devoted to a variety of activities designed to enhance students' understanding of the importance of Veteran's Day, as well as the meaning behind the words of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *Star-Spangled Banner*. Planned activities include short video clips, information shared during all-school announcements, a book display, and guided small group discussions around Veterans Day, the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the National Anthem.

Timberlane Regional High School (TRHS)

Timberlane Regional High School has planned multiple patriotic activities and events to commemorate Veterans Day. On Friday, November 8, time will be devoted during the OWLS news to discuss the meaning of Veterans Day and to announce upcoming associated events. These include the annual Veterans Day Concert at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center (see below). On Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 and 13, all students will learn about the words, meaning, and history of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *Star Spangled Banner* during the Owls news. Representatives of the United States Marine Corps will visit lunches on Tuesday and be available to converse with students. During advisory time on Wednesday, November 13, students will engage in discussions around Veterans Day. Wednesday will also feature the annual Veterans Day Brunch, when local veterans visit the high school for brunch and conversations with members of the Historical Honor Society, Rho Kappa. Following the brunch,



the high school will dedicate the Wall of Fallen Heroes, which honors Timberlane alumni who lost their lives in the service of our country. This wall is a permanent reminder for all visitors to the high school of the service and sacrifice of our local heroes and members of the armed forces.

Timberlane Performing Arts Center

On Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 pm, the Timberlane Performing Arts Center will hold its annual Veterans Day Concert, featuring guest speaker Kevin Galeaz, President of the USS Thresher ANC Memorial Foundation. Mr. Galeaz will present a brief history of the loss of the submarine USS Thresher, as well as the dedication of a permanent memorial in honor of the submarine at Arlington National



Cemetery. The event will also feature remarks by local dignitaries to honor veterans in our community.

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TITLE XV
EDUCATION

CHAPTER 189
SCHOOL BOARDS, SUPERINTENDENTS, TEACHERS,
AND TRUANT OFFICERS; SCHOOL CENSUS

School Boards, Transportation and Instruction of Pupils

Section 189:18

189:18 Patriotic Exercises. — In all public schools of the state one session, or a portion thereof, during the weeks in which Memorial Day and Veterans Day fall, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature, which shall include a discussion of the words, meaning, and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

Source. 1897, 14:1. 1921, 85, II:23. PL 117:16. 1933, 3:1. RL 135:18. 2016, 67:1, eff. July 4, 2016.