

The California Three Rs Project
and
The Association of California School Administrators
invite administrators, school board members, faith community leaders, and teacher leaders to

First Amendment Issues and Public Schools - Guidelines for Developing Policies and Partnerships

October 26, 2004

Hilton Ontario Airport Hotel

700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario (Haven and the 10 Fwy)

8:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.

\$65 per person, includes lunch and materials

Featured Speaker - John Ferguson, religious liberty attorney and consultant for First Amendment Center

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; of abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

The First Amendment raises many questions for school administrators and faith community leaders about forming legally permissible partnerships in support of today's students. Also of concern are issues of student expression, school clubs, the responsibilities of faith community leaders serving on school campuses, religious rights of teachers, and the No Child Left Behind Constitutionally Protected Prayer agreement. This conference is designed to answer questions on such topics as:

Is it constitutional for...

- * a teacher to wear religious jewelry or clothing?
- * students to publish negative stories about faculty or other students on their personal web pages?
- * students in the Bible Club to publicize meetings in the school bulletin?
- * students to form a gay/straight alliance club on campus?
- * churches to have religious artifacts up during after school student tutoring sessions?

The plenary session in the morning will focus on the civic and legal context of the First Amendment with special emphasis on how controversies arise in the public school setting. The afternoon will focus on case studies that will provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion of the nuances of the law and their requisite school policy.

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Make check or P.O. payable to SBCSS. Mail completed registration coupon and \$60 per person to: San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Attention Margaret Hill, CA 3Rs Lead, 601 North E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410-3093 Fax (909) 386=2667

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