

**SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 1014**

Office of Leadership and Learning

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Date:** March 4, 2015

**To:** All Site Administrators and Area Superintendents

**Subject:** ANNUAL POSTING OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS NOTICE

**Department and/or Persons Concerned:** All Site Administrators and Area Superintendents

**Due Date:** March 1 - March 31, 2015

**Reference:** Education Code Section 58501

**Action Requested:**

(1) School sites must post the Alternative Schools Notice (in the form of this Site Operations Circular) in two locations that are visible to pupils, teachers, and visiting parents during the entire month of March each year.

(2) School sites must make available copies of this notification to any interested parties (e.g., parents, pupils, or teachers) throughout the school year.

**Brief Explanation:**

California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Section 58500 of the Education Code defines “alternative school” as a school or separate class group within a school that is operated in a manner designed to:

- a) Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility and joy.
- b) Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his or her desire to learn.
- c) Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his or her own time to follow his or her own interests. These interests may be conceived by him or her totally and independently or may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his or her teachers of choices of learning projects.
- d) Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process.
- e) Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including but not limited to the community in which the school is located.

In the event any parent, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, a copy of this notification must be made available to the interested party. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs.

APPROVED:

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Jim Solo  
Executive Director  
Leadership and Learning

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