

LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Office of Superintendent

**Resolution No. 1516-09**

**Extension of the Personal Beliefs Exemption Deadline and Implementation  
of SB277 to July 1, 2018**

**ISSUE**

Senate Bill (“SB”) 277 was approved by the Governor on June 30, 2015 and limits the exceptions that permit a parent to enroll a student in school who has not been vaccinated, effective July 1, 2016. SB 277 eliminated the former right of parents to file a “personal belief exemption,” which had allowed districts to enroll students in school without otherwise-required vaccinations, upon receipt of the written exemption from a parent. Now, SB 277 requires school districts to exclude children from school who have not been vaccinated as required by law, with some specific exceptions that no longer include the personal belief exemption.

**PREVIOUS ACTIVITY**

N/A

**DISCUSSION**

The Education Code provides that, “It is the intent of the Legislature that members of the public be able to place matters directly related to school district business on the agenda of school district governing board meetings.” Cal. Educ. Code § 35145.5. Recently a mass request by an organization seeking to agendaize a proposed resolution “Urging the Legislature to Extend the Personal Beliefs Exemption Deadline and Implementation of SB 277 to July 1, 2018.” LCOE has been advised that the most conservative approach is to place this item on our agenda because it is “a matter directly related to school district business.” However, there is no requirement to take action on the item.

**FISCAL, STAFFING AND FACILITIES ISSUES**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

The County Superintendent of Schools recommends that no action be taken on this item.

Report prepared by Brock Falkenberg, County Superintendent of Schools.

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**OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION DEADLINE  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SB277 TO JULY, 1 2018**

WHEREAS, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 277 on June 30, 2015;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 277 eliminates vaccination exemptions for personal beliefs beginning January 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, the additional significant provisions of Senate Bill 277 become operative beginning July 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, the elimination of the personal beliefs exemption establishes a major, longstanding change in public policy;

WHEREAS, many members of the public were not aware of the changes made by Senate Bill 277, prior to January 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, the right to a public education in California is a fundamental right fully guaranteed and protected by the California Constitution (*Serrano v. Priest* (1971) 5 Cal.3d 584) to every child;

WHEREAS, the California Legislature should amend the code section enacted by Senate Bill 277 to extend the deadline to file personal belief exemptions, as well as the operative date to July 1, 2018;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: although the terminology I have seen is “Therefore, be it resolved”

1. The Lake County Board of Education urges the California Legislature to amend the operative dates enacted by Senate Bill 277 to extend the deadline for filing exemptions for personal beliefs and the operative date to July 1, 2018.

2. The Lake County Board of Education requests that the staff of the Lake County Superintendent of Schools work with the Legislature and the State Board of Education to extend the deadline for filing personal beliefs and the operative dates enacted as a result of the passage of SB 277 to July 1, 2018.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 at a meeting, by the following vote:

David Browning:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Mark Cooper:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Patricia Hicks:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Melissa Kinsel:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Madelene Lyon:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lake County Superintendent of Schools