



**Santa Barbara  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

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Date: April 28, 2009  
To: Dr. J. Brian Sarvis, Superintendent  
From: Robin Sawaske, Associate Superintendent  
Subject: Military Uniforms at High School Graduation

Conference Item:  X

Board members asked for a discussion on students wearing military uniforms at graduation in response to such a request at one of our district high schools by a student.

Directly after the student made the request, the Santa Barbara Secondary School District principals met to discuss whether students who have graduated from high school early and joined a branch of the military shall be allowed to wear their military uniforms at graduation.

The practice has been for all students to wear a cap and gown for graduation. After discussion, the districts' principals felt that the graduation ceremony is a whole class presentation and celebration. Individuals are not singled out for their future endeavors or accomplishments such as acceptance into prestigious universities. Therefore, all students should wear the traditional cap and gown.

<b>Attachment(s)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes (please attach)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PowerPoint</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Overhead</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Consultant</b>
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Adams Elementary School Cesar Chavez Charter School Cleveland Elementary School Franklin Elementary School	Harding Elementary School McKinley Elementary School Monroe Elementary School Open Alternative School	Peabody Charter School Roosevelt Elementary School Santa Barbara Charter School Santa Barbara Community Academy Washington Elementary School	Goleta Valley Junior High School La Colina Junior High School La Cumbre Junior High School Santa Barbara Junior High School	Dos Pueblos High School La Cuesta Continuation High School San Marcos High School Santa Barbara High School
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