



# California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

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February 23, 2009

The Honorable Mary Salas  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Oppose

Location: Assembly Education Committee

Re: AB 351 (Salas) Physical Education

Dear Assemblymember Salas:

The California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) is a non-profit and diverse group of more than 4,000 professional educators whose mission is the "passionate promotion of active, healthy lifestyles." Members take a strong stand for quality programs in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance, and other movement-related activities vital to the citizens of California.

CAHPERD does not support AB 351 because of the nature of its proposal and the ill effects it will have on the education of California's students should it become law.

Clearly recognizing the health, educational, and economical values of a citizenry that was equipped to engage in an active lifestyle, California's policy makers made sound decisions decades ago to include physical education in the required course of study for all students in grades 1-12. Those needs of health, activity, and education, have become even more vital in California today and cannot be abandoned or exchanged for anything other than high quality physical education instruction.

Classes and activities that include some physical activity such as interscholastic athletics, marching band, drill team, and JROTC, have distinctly different goals and objectives than physical education and are based on a participatory model rather than an education model. Any opportunity that provides students opportunity to participate in sustained periods of meaningful physical activity should be encouraged, and provided by our schools when possible. However, these activities do not provide a comprehensive standards-based physical education and should not be allowed to fulfill the requirement for physical education. The outcomes of physical education mustn't be confused nor exchanged; they form the foundation of a healthy and productive life, are only acquired through instruction in physical education in our schools, and simply stated are not the same as marching band, athletics, JROTC, or drill team. Therefore we can not support AB 351.

If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact our legislative advocate, Ms. Kathryn Lynch at (916) 443-0202.

Respectfully,

Keith Johannes, Legislative Chair

cc: Paul Navarro, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office  
Chelsea Kelley, Consultant, Assembly Education Committee  
Robert Becker, Policy Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus  
Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate  
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