# MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- ♠ A law cited as the "Don Davis Physical Education Act" was passed that contains middle school physical education requirements.
- Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester of each year is required for students enrolled in grades 6 through 8.
- This requirement shall be waived for a student who meets one of the following criteria:
  - o The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course.
  - The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that:
  - \* 1. The parent requests that the student enroll in another course from among those courses offered as options by the school district; i.e. art, music, world language, etc.

or

- \* 2. The student is participating in physical activities outside the school day, which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement; i.e. afterschool sports, dance classes, physical activity as part of an after school program, etc.
- \* Parent signature on course selection sheet will serve as parent request in writing.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Offer waiver option on course selection sheet.
- Schedule students into physical education or
- Use the following waiver numbers
  - ★ 1508001 M/J Physical Education Waiver Grade 6
  - ★ 1508002 M/J Physical Education Waiver Grade 7
  - ★ 1508003 M/J Physical Education Waiver Grade 8
  - ★ (pending approval of State Board of Education July (2009)

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

★ You will not be in compliance with the legislation beginning July 1, 2009.

#### WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- School based administrators
- Guidance personnel
- Data processing clerks

#### HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

★ Communicate compliance to appropriate area personnel. (pending approval of State Board of Education – July (2009)

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