

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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The Honorable Mary Salas  
California State Assembly, District 79  
State Capitol, Room 2137  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Regarding:** Assembly Bill 351 (Salas), as amended March 24, 2009  
**Position:** SUPPORT  
**Status:** Assembly Education Committee  
**Hearing Date:** April 1, 2009

Dear Assembly Member Salas:

The Los Angeles Unified School District has reviewed your Assembly Bill 351, as amended March 24, 2009, and supports this measure because it offers increased opportunities for students to participate in marching band, cheerleading, drill team, California Cadet Corps, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The ability of school governing boards to allow students who participate in the aforementioned programs to be exempted from courses in physical education will preserve the integrity of physical education courses while at the same time increasing participation in these programs.

For these reasons, the Los Angeles Unified School District supports Assembly Bill 351.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Santiago Jackson".

Santiago Jackson  
Director  
Office of Government Relations

c: Members, Assembly Education Committee  
Consultant, Assembly Education Committee  
Robert Becker, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus