

From: Assemblymember Salas
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From: Phillips, Don [mailto:Dphillips@powayusd.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 6:31 PM
To: Assemblymember Brownley
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Dear Assembly Member Brownley:

As superintendent of a large suburban school district, I believe that it is important to provide students with quality physical fitness opportunities. Assembly Bill 351 (Salas) can help California school communities meet this objective by counting participation in interscholastic athletic programs, marching band, drill team, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps toward meeting the PE instructional minutes requirement outlined in state law.

AB 351 would provide formal recognition of the rigorous fitness regiments in these programs that are critical to students' educational experiences and that prepare them well for the FITNESSGRAM, the state's comprehensive series of physical fitness tests. These programs have been, are, and should continue to be an important part of the California high school experience—they are chief among the activities that keep many of our kids coming to school.

School districts will be hard-pressed to continue providing these programs in the midst of this financial crisis without AB 351. Therefore, I respectfully urge you and your colleagues on the Assembly Education Committee to support AB 351.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
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