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| Bartlett City Board of Education | | 6042 |
| Descriptor Term: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM | Descriptor Code: Student Services | Issue Date: 07/24/2014 |
| | Rescinds: | Revised: |

- 1 All District schools shall open each school day with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of
- 2 the United States and/or the playing of the National Anthem.

- 3 At the time designated, unless they are exempt, students shall stand and recite the Pledge
- 4 of Allegiance while facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts or in an
- 5 appropriate salute if in uniform.

- 6 No student shall be compelled to recite the Pledge of Allegiance if the student or the
- 7 student's parent/legal guardian objects on religious, philosophical, or other grounds to the
- 8 student participating in such exercise.

- 9 Students who are exempt from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance shall remain quietly
- 10 standing or sitting at their desks while others recite the Pledge of Allegiance and shall
- 11 make no display that disrupts or distracts others who are reciting the Pledge.

- 12 Teachers and other school staff who have religious, philosophical, or other grounds for
- 13 objecting to saying or leading the Pledge of Allegiance are exempt from leading or
- 14 participating in the exercise.

- 15 If a teacher chooses not to lead the Pledge, the teacher or principal shall designate
- 16 another suitable person to lead the class.