

Please Support SB 452: Inclusion of Holocaust/Genocide Education in Connecticut Schools



- The bill adds Holocaust and Genocide education to the list of programs of instruction offered by public schools.
- The bill also says that each local and regional board of education shall include Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in every school district's social studies curriculum.
- In developing and implementing the Holocaust and genocide education, the board **may utilize existing and appropriate public or private materials, personnel and other resources.**

WHY SHOULD SCHOOLS TEACH HOLOCAUST/GENOCIDE EDUCATION?

- Because NEVER AGAIN has not been NEVER AGAIN.
 - The ADL has reported that statewide, twice as many anti-Semitic incidents were reported in late 2017 as in the same period the year before.
 - Holocaust deniers running for Congress
 - Jewish students are hearing that the Holocaust didn't happen.
 - In 2017, there are 5 ACTIVE Genocides happening in the World
- We along with our educational system have the obligation to remember and teach about these past and still occurring events so that we can effect change in future generations perceptions of hate and intolerance.

Q: What will the COST be to initiate the Holocaust/ Genocide law in Connecticut Public Schools?

A: The Holocaust/Genocide Law change will cost NOTHING and is budget NEUTRAL.

- Organizations such as: The Greenberg Center at the University of Hartford, Genocide Studies at Yale, the Dodd Center at the University of Connecticut, the Voices of Hope, the Anti-Defamation League and three CT Jewish Historical Societies offer **FREE** training, **FREE** curricula, **FREE** media links and **FREE** materials to schools and teachers around Connecticut.
- Other states mandate Holocaust Education and post their curriculum and materials on-line making it easy for our Dept. of Education and schools to use them.
- Video testimonies for student and classroom use are FREE

Q: How hard is it for teachers to get training if they feel they need it?

A: Not hard at all.

- Remember, our state teachers are well prepared and have degrees in History, we can offer supportive FREE materials wherever it is needed.

- Trainings are held on **COMMON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS** – this is where many Connecticut schools plan for staff to have professional development training so, training is truly free and no substitutes are normally required. The most recent common professional development day was Election Day and others include the days before schools begin and usually in the spring.
- Trainings can be held at any schools requesting help.
- **All FREE.**

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