

**PETITION FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION IN PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS DURING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

**We, the undersigned, believe there should be freedom for the students to express their religious beliefs and customs in our public schools and no prohibitions of the students' "free exercise thereof", as stated in the First Amendment of our Federal Constitution which protects the right to freedom of religion and freedom of expression from government interference.**

**Religious songs and symbols should be allowed for inclusion as part of a wider celebration of Christmas, which is recognized as a national holiday in America. We have not seen this freedom of religion in the use of Christmas carols and students' art. Therefore, we petition the Pinellas County School Board to correct this discriminatory practice through the adoption of an official policy. [\[This petition in PDF.\]](#)**

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**Please return to: Nancy Davis, 12344 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, North, Seminole, Florida 33772, by May 1, 2007.**