

HB 2073 -- TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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This bill authorizes school districts to educate students about traditional winter and spring celebrations and permit students and staff to offer traditional greetings such as Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, and Happy Easter.

The bill also authorizes school districts to display scenes and symbols associated with traditional winter and spring celebrations, such as a menorah, nativity scene, or Christmas tree. The display must include a scene or symbol from more than one religion, or at least one secular scene or symbol.

The bill prohibits the display from including a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief and requires that it be paid for without public funds.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 696 (2017).