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## **Brevard Public Schools to settle graduation court case**

Viera – Brevard Public Schools announced publicly that graduation ceremonies for the class of 2006 would not be held at a church next May. The district chose to reach a settlement regarding pending litigation against the use of the church and will reschedule ceremonies at the schools' football fields or at non-religious sites.

“Since the district had no intention of promoting religion through the location of the graduation ceremonies, it is a shame we had to use time, energy, and resources to defend this litigation,” stated Richard A. DiPatri, Superintendent. “I believe the School Board did the right thing by settling this case, because to continue the litigation would result in extraordinary costs even if we prevailed, and these valuable resources are better spent on our central mission of student achievement.”

Each school has a contingency plan in place for rescheduling the graduation location. The schools and the district will publicize the new locations as soon as the plans are finalized.