

Recommendation of The EDUHSD
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film: **Wag the Dog**

Reason for R-Rating

Language X Violence ___ Sexuality ___

1. Committee Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:

X Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

___ No Recommendation for Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

Date of Committee Recommendation: February 3, 2004

2. Appropriate Uses of Film/Suggested Curricular Goals/Standards:

This fictional film examines governmental policy and public access to information. The film exposes how propaganda and political spin can be used to manipulate the public. In the film, a false war is created to divert public attention from a political scandal. Students are challenged to evaluate propaganda and what they see in the media.

Students analyze the tensions within constitutional democracy, liberty, equality, state and national authority. Students also analyze media influence on American life, evaluate rights and obligations as citizens, and learn to take and defend a position on fundamental values and principles of civil society. (California State Standards for Government 12.2, 12.6, and 12.8)

3. Areas of Concern/Conditions Established by Committee for Recommendation:

4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film: *Grade 12*

5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film: *Government and Economics*

6. Minority Opinion/Recommendation: *None*

7. Superintendent's Recommendation: X Approve ___ Not Approve

Use of this film must comply with Board Policy 6161.11. Parental permission MUST be received prior to showing the film to students.