

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE DELANO JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
KERN COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In Support of Students and)
Families in the Delano Joint)
Union High School District)**

RESOLUTION #2016/2017-14

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Delano Joint Union High School District is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status or beliefs; and,

WHEREAS, our city, like many cities in the State of California, is the home and workplace of immigrant communities, including persons with both documented and undocumented immigration status; and,

WHEREAS, students and parents have expressed fear, anxiety, and confusion regarding the ability of the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) to enter property of the District for the purpose of determining legal status of students and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in 1982 ruled in Plyer v. Doe that public schools were prohibited from denying immigrant students access to elementary and secondary public education. The Court stated that undocumented children have the same right to a free public education as citizens of the United States and permanent resident; and,

WHEREAS, under the law, all students have the right to attend public school and enjoy access to equitable educational programmatic services regardless of the immigration status of the student or of the student’s family members; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the District to develop citizens which learn actively, think critically, live responsibly and respectfully, and who will make positive contributions to their community; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board embraces the diversity of our students and families and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our District and strongly supports and encourages the participation of all parents and families in our schools; and

WHEREAS, as a Board, we invite parents, neighbors, and all those committed to supporting our community’s children to work collaboratively with us as we continue to empower them to reach their full potential as responsible, ethical, and productive citizens in a diverse and changing world; and

WHEREAS, the District does not ask for, or collect immigration status information on students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Delano Joint Union High School District declares its commitment that every District site be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families and encourages the Superintendent to enhance partnerships with community-based organizations who provide resources for families facing immigration issues; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all requests for documents or entrance to District school sites by any immigration enforcement officer shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent for review to ensure the safety of all students, as well as compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board reaffirms the Delano Joint Union High School District's unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for all students, parents, and staff, serving as a safe educational community for all to the fullest extent provided by the law.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED upon motion of Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____, at a regular meeting held this 14th day of March, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

Arnold Morrison, President, Board of Trustees
Delano Joint Union High School District