

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DES MOINES INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF CITIZEN STATUS AND IMMIGRATION STATUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) held all resident children are entitled to education in the public schools and it is unconstitutional to deny a free public education to children who are not legally admitted into the United States; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines Independent Community School District ("District") policy, state and federal law provide that a child's enrollment in public school may not be conditioned on the child's citizen status or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, public schools cannot and should not inquire regarding the immigration status of a student or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) as part of the admissions process; and

WHEREAS, the District works to foster welcoming and safe school environments for all students, including those who may be undocumented or have undocumented family members; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the potential for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials to conduct enforcement efforts to detain undocumented individuals, and that such efforts may result in ICE officials seeking to enter upon school grounds for purposes of enforcement; and

WHEREAS, an ICE policy issued in 2011 states that the agency will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, including schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials; unless exigent circumstances exist; and

WHEREAS, ICE activities in and around schools, early childhood centers and other District facilities would risk severe disruption to the learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board, by adopting this Resolution, intends to avoid such disruption and interference with the education of District students.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District as follows:

1. All requests made of the District or its schools by ICE officials to access school information or school grounds shall be processed through the Office of the Superintendent who will consult with legal counsel to ensure compliance with the law. Schools shall not permit ICE officials to access students, their families, or district staff and contractors at schools without having first contacted and processed their request and all relevant documentation through the Office of the Superintendent.

2. District staff shall treat all students in a loving, equitable, and respectful manner without regard for race, ethnicity, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin.

3. District staff shall not inquire about a student's citizenship or immigration status, or the status of the student's parent(s), guardian(s) or family members.

4. The Board of Directors will do everything in its power to afford equal protection of all members of our community from attempts to criminalize or target them based on race, ethnicity, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DES
MOINES INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Secretary

By: _____
President