

RESOLUTION NO. 16/17-3157
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Whereas, the Governing Board of the Santa Ana Unified School District urges the federal government to enact humane comprehensive immigration reform immediately;

Whereas, since the United States Supreme Court decision in Plyler v. Doe in 1982, it has been the law of this country that no public school district can deny access to education on the basis of the child's immigration status without violating the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment The Court noted that children have little control over their immigration status and that a complete deprivation of basic education would likely cause these innocent children to suffer a lifelong disadvantage;

Whereas, the Santa Ana Unified School District's student population includes children from immigrant families originating from not only Mexico, South America and Central America, but also Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and other countries in the world;

Whereas, immigration enforcement affects SAUSD families every day;

Whereas, ICE activities in and around schools, early education centers, and adult transition centers would have the potential of creating a severe disruption to the learning environment and education for students; and

Whereas, currently, ICE's 2011 policy dictates that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive locations, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials; unless exigent circumstances exist;

Whereas, there is no written state or federal law that mandates that local districts assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws;

Whereas, the Governing Board of the Santa Ana Unified School District views its purpose is to ensure students receive an education in a safe, non-disruptive, non-threatening, and non-discriminatory learning environment, regardless of the student's or their families' immigration status, as opposed to enforcing, or assisting with the enforcement of federal immigration laws or policies;

The Board declares that any Santa Ana Unified School District site or location is a non-threatening place for its students and their families to seek help, assistance, and information without fear or anxiety about related immigration enforcement efforts;

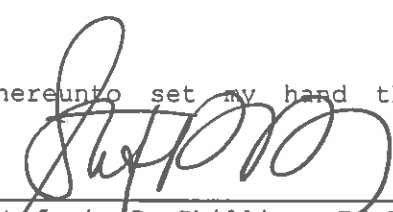
Resolved further, that the Superintendent shall provide at all K-12, early education centers, adult transition centers, and parent centers resources and information for students and their families about immigration laws and policies and how they impact a student's education and rights to an education in the State of California; and

Resolved further, that the Superintendent increase and enhance continued partnerships with community-based organizations and legal services organizations who provide resources for families facing immigrant relations issues, and that a rapid response network be created by and with these resources to assist children, specifically our students, whose family members have been detained and/or deported. Rapid response services should include at least crisis management and emotional support services for children;

Resolved further, in order to provide a public education, regardless of a child's or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance, or court decision, the District shall abide by the following conduct:

I, Stefanie P. Phillips, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13 day of December, 2016, and passed by a vote of 5-0 of said Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13 day of December, 2016.



Stefanie P. Phillips, Ed.D., Secretary
Board of Education
Santa Ana Unified School District