

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

RESOLUTION NO. 18-17

WHEREAS, On September 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced President Trump's intention to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival, or DACA, program. Enrollment in the DACA program provides temporary protection from deportation; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court held in Plyer v. Doe (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and the equal protection rights of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Migration to this country is often propelled by social, economic, and political factors and native county conditions, and immigrants and their families are entitled to compassionate and humane treatment in this country; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that our schools are safe and inviting for all students and their families will facilitate the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children in the District, and is paramount to students' ability to achieve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President's action will not change the way Highline Public Schools serves students in any way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Our schools welcome all students and families from every background and birthplace. This is not only our moral obligation, but also our legal obligation under federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Highline Public Schools disagrees with the President's actions and urges Congress to immediately pass immigration reform that would establish a process for DACA candidates to pursue citizenship; and

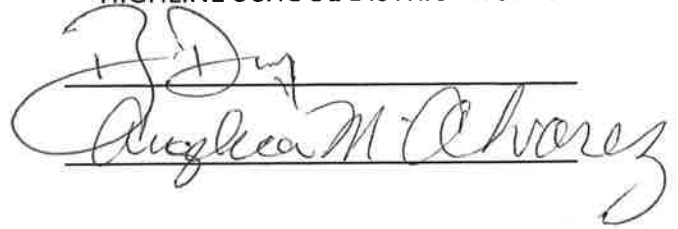
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to provide a public education, regardless of a child's or family member's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, the District shall abide by the following conduct:

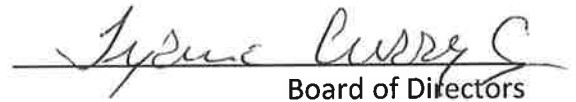
- District personnel shall not inquire about or record a student's or a family member's immigration status, and pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), shall not disclose, without parental consent, the immigration status of any student or other personally identifiable information.
- The District shall refuse all voluntary information sharing with immigration agents across all aspects of the District to the fullest extent possible under the law.
- The District will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, ICE, or any other federal agency for the enforcement of federal immigration law, except as required by law.
- District personnel shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but, not limited to, the free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that signed copies of this Resolution No. 18-17 shall be sent to Governor Jay Inslee, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, and the United States Congressional delegation from Washington State, to ensure that the views and opinions of the Highline Public School district are known and understood.

ADOPTED this 20 day of September 2017.

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Board of Directors

I, Susan Enfield, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 18-17 for the use and purpose intended.



Susan Enfield, Ed.D
Secretary to the Board