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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Santa Clara County Office of Education has received requests for information about what families can do to prepare in case a parent or other family member is detained or deported by immigration agents. This packet contains information prepared by non-profit organizations that provide assistance to attorneys and community-based advocates that work with immigrants around the country. It includes information such as what you may do if you are approached by immigration agents, what documents you should carry with you, and how to prepare a child-care and family-preparedness plan. This packet also includes information about legal service providers in Santa Clara County that can assist on immigration matters.

In addition to the materials described above, this packet contains specific information about how parents can arrange to care for their children in case the parents are detained or deported by immigration agents.

This packet also provides an overview of guardianships, powers of attorney, and caregiver’s authorization affidavits. If you have questions about any of the forms or information about guardianships, powers of attorney or caregiver’s authorization affidavits, we encourage you to consult with a lawyer or other legal services provider. The documents also include information about legal service providers who can answer questions and provide free or low-cost advice about guardianships, powers of attorney, and/or caregiver’s authorization affidavits.

The County Office of Education cannot guarantee the accuracy of information or the quality of advice in these materials, but we hope that these materials will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

Jon R. Gundry
County Superintendent of Schools