

## "WELCOMING SCHOOLS" RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors of the School District of Haverford Township ("Board") embraces the diversity of our students, families, and staff, and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board strongly supports and encourages the participation of all parents and families in our schools;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is committed to providing a free and full education to all students and supporting them to be successful, regardless of immigration status (*Plyler v. Doe, U.S. Supreme Ct. 1982*);

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the relevant materials, policies, and practices currently in the district, it was concluded that the School District of Haverford Township consistently demonstrates a commitment to creating a safe and stable school environment and providing high quality education for all students;

**WHEREAS**, the District **provides a welcoming place** for students to seek help, assistance, information and safety as described in Policy 103 – Non-discrimination in Educational Planning and Policy 235 – Student Rights. The District also provides the Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA on its website as well as in student handbooks and posts the District's non-discrimination policy on its homepage. The District provides information specifically about immigration rights on its website. Finally, the District makes services and supports available to all students, including students who are homeless, students who are disabled, students who suffer from abuse and/or neglect, and any students who are having difficulty in school through the S.A.P. program;

**WHEREAS**, the District **protects student privacy** in handling requests for student information as described in Policy 216 – Student Records, Policy 907 – School Visitors, Policy 225 – Students and the Police, and the MOU between the District and the Haverford Police Department. In addition, the District does not request immigration status, birth certificate, or social security number to register a student in the District and fully complies with FERPA;

**WHEREAS**, the District **trains school staff** on student policy through new teacher trainings and regular in-services on FERPA and the application of the District's policies and procedures outlined above;

**WHEREAS**, the District **communicates and provides access to students and families** on all policies and procedures, including appropriate language access services. All District policies are posted on the District website;

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

All schools within this District shall continue to be welcoming, safe places for resident students and families to safely seek help, assistance, and information about enrollment and full participation in the educational and co-curricular programs of the District, without regard to immigration status.

RESOLVED **this 6th** day of December 2018