

**BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT****BOARD OF DIRECTORS****A Resolution in Support of Immigrant Students and their Families**

**WHEREAS**, the Beaverton School District is home to many immigrant children from all over the world and those students may or may not have documented status.

**WHEREAS**, the District is committed to the success of every student and strives to empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

**WHEREAS**, the District's Strategic Plan emphasizes its commitment to all students with the *Equity* pillar of learning:

- WE build honest, safe, and inclusive relationships with our diverse students and their families.
- WE provide needed support so that every student succeeds.

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to re-affirm the following policies:

1. Policy AC, Non-Discrimination that states:

"The District prohibits discrimination and harassment based on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability or perceived disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status, or because of an association with any other persons within these protected classes."

2. Policy JFCF, Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying that states:

"The School Board is committed to providing a safe, positive and productive learning environment. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, bullying, and cyberbullying by students is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the District."

And that defines "harassment, intimidation or bullying" as:

"any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities or performance that may be based on, but not limited to, the protected class status of a person."

**District Goal:** WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

3. Policy ADA, Equity which states that the District will:

- "create and nurture an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students, families, and staff;...
- incorporate the voice and perspectives of students, families and communities that reflect student demographics into decisions that benefit student success;"

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to re-affirm its support for the DREAM Act made on December 13, 2010: "the Beaverton School District supports the DREAM Act and related legislation to provide qualified immigrant students with a pathway to legal residence and completion of their education"

and **WHEREAS**, the Board notes that District personnel are forbidden from using District resources to enforce federal immigration laws, pursuant to ORS 181A.820 (1) that specifies:

"No law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision of the state shall use agency moneys, equipment or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Beaverton School District shall:

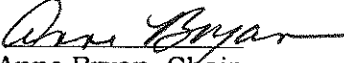
1. Treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but not limited to the free and reduced lunch program, transportation, counseling, and educational instruction;
2. Create and nurture an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students, families, and staff;
3. Incorporate the voice and perspectives of students, families and communities that reflect student demographics into decisions that benefit student success;
4. Comply with ORS 181A.820(1) by refusing to use District resources for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws.

and, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent shall ensure that the Beaverton School District administration and staff understand and follow the principles and practices supported and re-affirmed by this resolution.

and, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superintendent shall ensure that the Beaverton School District community, including all parents and students will have easy access to information about the District policies and practices for immigrant students supported and re-affirmed by this resolution.

and, **BE IT RESOLVED**, further that the Beaverton School Board authorizes the Superintendent to carry out this resolution and communicate its content as needed to support passage of the DREAM Act and related legislation.

By: Beaverton School District School Board

  
Anne Bryan, Chair