



***Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J
Resolution 1617-16***

Supporting Students and Families

WHEREAS, the Board reaffirms our commitment to equity and access to education for all students as a core value, demonstrated by our resolve to creating a welcoming environment for all students and families and is dedicated to the establishment of the supports and resources needed to eliminate barriers that impede student success; and

WHEREAS, the Tigard-Tualatin School District School Board is committed to the goal stated in our Strategic Plan which is to “Create and nurture a school community where every individual feels safe, valued and connected”. We believe that every student has the potential to achieve, and it is the responsibility of our school district to provide each student the opportunity and support to meet their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court held that children, regardless of their immigration status or that of their parents or guardians have a constitutional right to receive a free public K-12 education (*Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)); and

WHEREAS, The Board is committed to the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children in the District, ensuring that our schools are safe and inviting for all students and their families is paramount to students being able to achieve. The Board does not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment or bullying and is committed to enforce all policies adopted in accordance with State and Federal law: and

WHEREAS, ORS 181A.820 prohibits any law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision of the state to use agency 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.

WHEREAS, district policies *JOA-Directory Information*, *KN-Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies*, and *JFG-Student Searches, Questioning and Custody* provide safeguards to protect students and the school environment should Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) come

on to TTSD property for the purposes of conducting enforcement actions, or obtaining information about students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that national events and the current political climate have caused uncertainty and anxiety for many in our communities, and that we share in the responsibility to respond to these circumstances on behalf of our students and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TIGARD-TUALATIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL:

Create and nurture a school community where every student and family feels safe, valued and connected.

Maintain our legal obligation to enroll all students regardless of immigration status and without discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.

Enforce existing non-discrimination laws and anti-harassment and bullying policies to guarantee an inclusive, equitable and safe learning environment for all students.

Maintain existing protections and safeguards regarding law enforcement access to students and/or student records/information, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall provide training to teachers, administrators and other staff on how to respond to federal law enforcement personnel who are requesting information about TTSD students and families and are attempting to make contact with a TTSD student.

and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to the community the actions taken by the district to promote and maintain a school and district environment that is safe and welcoming for all.

Attest:

May 8, 2017



Chairman of the Board



Superintendent

TTSD Board Policy Reference(s):

Policy JFCF: Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Bullying/Cyberbullying/Dating Violence/Domestic Violence – Student; Policy JOA: Directory Information; Policy KN: Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies; and Policy JFG – Student Searches, Questioning and Custody