MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO: 912

IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Education is committed to the success of every student in each of our schools, and our vision is that we create and support a learning environment that challenges and enables students to achieve their highest potentials; and

WHEREAS, our core values are that public schools are the foundation of our democracy, that every person has intrinsic worth, that we believe in treating people with dignity and respect, that high standards and expectations foster greater achievement, that each of us shares responsibility for the welfare of our community, that diversity is an asset in our community, that honesty and integrity are essential in building relationships, that schools must provide access and equity, that people thrive in safe environments; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Education believes that the physical safety and the emotional well-being of all children, and ensuring that our schools are safe and welcoming for all students and their families is paramount to students being able to achieve, and does not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment or bullying as outlined in Board Policies 1503, 4114, 5203 and 5205; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with applicable case law, the Marin County Office of Education staff shall not ask about a student's immigration status or that of the student's family members, and pursuant to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) shall not disclose without parental consent or as otherwise required by law, the immigration status of any student or any other personal information; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Superintendent of Schools will ensure the annual review of FERPA with all Marin County Office of Education teachers and school office employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Education go on record in support of all immigrant and undocumented students and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Education, the Marin County Superintendent of Schools and staff will continue to work every day to create positive school climates and cultures where every student, family and staff member is respected as a valued member of the school community; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Education will advocate on behalf of the rights of all students and their families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Marin County Board of Education at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

Garbarino, Goldman, Hellman, Robinson, Warren

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Wilson, Nemzer

(SEAL)

PATRICIA D. GARBARINO, President
Marin County Board of Education

MARY JANE BURKE, Secretary
Marin County Board of Education and
Marin County Superintendent of Schools