



ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

WHEREAS, Orange County Schools is a compassionate and caring school district that is committed to creating a welcoming atmosphere that values equality and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that our schools are safe and inviting for all students and their families will facilitate the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children in the District, and is paramount to students' ability to achieve;

WHEREAS, Orange County Schools welcomes and supports students without regard to their citizenship or immigration status and will continue to admit students in a manner that complies with our nondiscrimination policy and without regard to a student's race, national origin, religion, citizenship, or any other protected characteristic;

WHEREAS, Immigration arrests, detentions, and deportations affect families every day, and indications that deportations will increase dramatically have created a climate of heightened fear and anxiety for many students and their families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange County Schools Board of Education hereby:

- Affirms that Orange County Schools personnel shall not inquire about or record a student's or a family member's immigration status, and pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") shall not disclose that information if it exists, except when required by law;
- Affirms that the District shall refuse all voluntary information sharing with immigration agents across all aspects of the District to the fullest extent possible under the law;
- Affirms the rights of children to attend public schools in the county they reside, without regard to their immigration status, in accordance with Board Policy 4125; and
- Encourages continuing collaboration between Orange County Schools and other local governmental entities and advocacy organizations to support and protect these children.

Adopted this the 25th day of February, 2019.

Brenda Stephens, Chair
Orange County Schools

Dr. Todd Wirt, Superintendent
Orange County Schools