

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EQUAL ACCESS FOR 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, the number of unaccompanied children and minors from Central American nations seeking refuge in the United States has dramatically risen over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the children seeking refuge in the United States are fleeing extreme violence and poverty; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the children entering the United States are returning to parents or other family members who are present in the United States, including those children coming to North Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Orange County Board of Education hereby:

- Affirms that Orange County is a welcoming community to children seeking refuge from violence in their home countries and to the sponsors of these children;
- Affirms the rights of children to attend public schools in the county they reside, without regard to their immigration status; 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 12th day of January, 2015.



Chair

Orange County Board of Education



Interim Superintendent

Orange County Board of Education

