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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of
Reaffirming Fresno Unified School District
as a Safe Place School District for Students
and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement**

Resolution 25-34

WHEREAS, Fresno Unified School District is dedicated to fostering the success and well-being of every student, regardless of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, socio-economic background, or beliefs;

WHEREAS, the Fresno Unified School District recognizes the significant challenges faced by immigrant students and their families, particularly during times of heightened political and social scrutiny;

WHEREAS, immigrant students and students from immigrant families are an integral part of the Fresno Unified School District community, deserving of equitable opportunities and protections;

WHEREAS, the Fresno Unified School District has a long-standing commitment to equity, civil rights, and maintaining schools as sanctuary spaces free from discrimination or enforcement actions that may disrupt educational environments;

WHEREAS, In Plyler v. Doe (1982), the United States Supreme Court held that all immigrant children are people "in any ordinary sense of the term" and hence protected from discrimination under the 14th Amendment, and that all children, regardless of their immigration status, have the right to a free public education;

WHEREAS, The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28(f)(1) states, "All students and staff of public primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high schools, and community colleges, colleges, and universities have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure, and peaceful;"

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2017, the Governing Board of the Fresno Unified School District adopted Resolution 16-14, *RECOGNITION OF A SAFE PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT*, prohibiting District personnel from voluntarily cooperating in any immigration enforcement action, including sharing information about students' and families' immigration status with any immigration agent or agency, and;

WHEREAS, On June 13, 2018, the Governing Board of the Fresno Unified School District approved Board Policy 5145.13, *Response to Immigration Enforcement*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno Unified School Board of Education reaffirms its unwavering commitment to equity, safety, and educational success of every student in the district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno Unified School District will not solicit or collect information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or families, nor cooperate with immigration enforcement actions at school sites, except as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent will develop a comprehensive plan to implement and communicate this commitment, including training for staff on responding to inquiries or enforcement actions by federal immigration personnel and communication with families about the district's safe place policies in the languages they speak, ensuring broad understanding and access to resources.

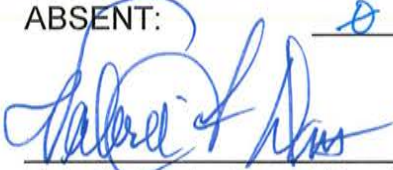
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno Unified School District will actively oppose any federal policies mandating school districts' cooperation with immigration enforcement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed in English, Spanish, and Hmong to educational partners to ensure transparency and inclusivity.

ADOPTED this 8th day of January 2025 by the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, by the following vote:

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
ABSENT: 0





Valerie Davis, Board President



Mao Misty Her, Interim Superintendent