

Tigard-Tualatin School District Board Resolution 2425-06 To Promote a Safe and Welcoming School Environment

Whereas, the Board reaffirms our commitment to equity and access to education for all students as a core value; and

Whereas, the Tigard-Tualatin School District School Board is committed to the goal stated in our Strategic Plan to "create and nurture a welcoming and inclusive learning community where every individual student feels safe, valued, connected, known, and seen;" 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 our students and their families so that young people can realize their full potential, and does not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment or bullying; and

Whereas, the Board is committed to enforcing all policies adopted in accordance with State and Federal law, and notes that District personnel are forbidden from using District resources to enforce federal immigration laws, pursuant to ORS 181A.826 (1) that specifies:

"Public facilities, property, moneys, equipment, technology or personnel may not be used for the purpose of investigating, detecting, apprehending, arresting, detaining or holding individuals for immigration enforcement;" and

Whereas, a safe and inviting school environment would be disrupted by the presence of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) employees entering TTSD property for the purposes of conducting enforcement actions, or obtaining information about students and their families; and

Whereas, the Board reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing a school and district environment that is safe and welcoming for all through a Board resolution on April 19, 2017; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes that national events and the current political climate have caused anxiety for many in our communities, and that we share a responsibility to respond on behalf of our students and their families,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tigard-Tualatin Board of Directors shall:

1. Nurture a school community where every student and family feels safe, valued and connected.

- 2. Direct employees not to ask about the immigration status of students or their families, and enforce all existing laws and policies regarding access to students and/or student information.
- 3. Enforce existing laws and district policies to provide an inclusive, equitable and safe learning environment for all students, including existing state law prohibiting the district from using its resources to assist in enforcing immigration laws.

and, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall authorize training for teachers, administrators, and staff on trauma-informed practices, culturally responsive engagement, and strategies for navigating federal law enforcement inquiries while protecting student rights and well-being.

and, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall communicate to the community the District's actions to promote and maintain a school and district environment that is safe and welcoming for all.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Tigard-Tualatin School District No. 23J, located in Washington and Clackamas Counties, Oregon this 13th day of January, 2025.

TIGARD-TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23J WASHINGTON AND CLACKAMAS COUNTIES, OREGON

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Tristan Irvin, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Dr. Iton Udosenata, Superintendent