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Dear Central Islip Community,

I am reaching out to address concerns many of our families have shared regarding the new immigration policies introduced by the federal administration. We understand that these policies may have caused uncertainty and fear in our community. I want to assure you that our district is committed to the safety and well-being of every child entrusted to us.

First and foremost, I want to emphasize that your children belong here, and our schools are a safe haven for learning, growth and community. As educators, we will do everything in our power to ensure their safety and security. Our commitment to creating a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment for all students remains steadfast.

Attendance in school is vital to your child's success. Regular attendance ensures access to quality education, resources and opportunities that help our students thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

I have attached the New York State Education Department's memo, Guidance on Safeguarding the Rights of immigrant Students, to further support you. This document outlines the protections and rights of students in New York State, regardless of immigration status. I encourage you to read it and contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

We are here for you. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or my office if you need assistance, guidance or support. Together, we can ensure our children feel safe and supported as they pursue their education and dreams.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are honored to serve such a diverse and vibrant community.

With kindness and dedication,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dr. Sharon A. Dungee'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Sharon A. Dungee
Superintendent of Schools