



CIEN AGUAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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Dear Cien Aguas families,

We are writing to you today with care and concern, as we are aware of the recent news that schools are no longer considered protected areas. We understand this may be causing anxiety and fear for some of our families. Please know that our priority at Cien Aguas is the safety, well-being, and dignity of all our students and their families. We understand how distressing these times can be and want to reassure you that we stand by you.

Student and Family Information

In response to the current climate, we want to emphasize that Cien Aguas does not have any personal information about our students or families to release to immigration authorities or agents. The information you share with us is confidential, and we are committed to protecting your privacy.

Cien Aguas will not release your student(s) to anyone who is not in our system. Please make sure this information is updated. You can do so on ParentVue or you can contact Margarita to help you make any necessary changes.

Immigration Agents on Campus

Furthermore, we want to reassure you that immigration agents will not be permitted on school grounds without a valid court issued warrant. If any immigration agents or law enforcement officials approach the school, they will not be allowed to take any action without proper legal authorization. Our staff has been trained to handle such situations in a way that prioritizes the safety and rights of our school community.

Your Rights

You need to know your rights when it comes to immigration enforcement. Please keep in mind the following:

- You do not have to answer any questions about your immigration status from immigration agents, law enforcement, or anyone else unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.
- If immigration agents come to your home or school, you do not have to allow them inside without a court issued warrant.
- You have the right to remain silent and can choose not to share information about your immigration status or your family's status.
- If you or a family member is detained, you have the right to a lawyer, and we encourage you to reach out to legal assistance if needed.
- We understand that the fear of deportation can be overwhelming, but please know that you are not alone. We are here to support you, and we will continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all families. If you have any questions or need resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office. We will do everything in our power to assist and support you during this time.

We would like to remind you that on Thursdays at 8:30 am we have classes being offered by La Red Fronteriza por Los Derechos Humanos. This class is designed to help you to understand your constitutional rights, your labor rights, your immigration rights and your human rights. It is open to CAIS families and community members who attend with our CAIS families.

We are working to schedule other events for families with different organizations to provide information and support for our families. Please keep an eye out for further learning opportunities.

If you are in need of additional information, we encourage you to visit this [ACLU website](#) regarding your rights as an immigrant.

In solidarity and support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vortaleh", written in a cursive style.