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At Encinitas Union School District, we embrace the diversity of our community and celebrate the unique contributions of every student and family. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and equitable learning environment where all students are treated with respect and dignity.

In light of national conversations around immigration, we understand that some families are feeling concerned and uncertain. We want to reassure you that every student in our district has the right to equal access to a free public education, regardless of immigration status [California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General January 2025]. Additionally, EUSD does not solicit or collect information about the citizenship or immigration status of students or their families, nor will it assist with immigration enforcement at school sites, except as required by state or federal law.

As reflected in the EUSD <u>Board Policy 5145.13</u> and <u>Administrative Regulation 5145.13</u> in response to immigration enforcement, the priority of our staff is to protect the confidentiality, safety, and well-being of all members of our community. Our staff has been trained to implement the protocols outlined in these policies.

- If staff receive any verbal or written request for information regarding a student's or family's immigration or citizenship status, they are instructed to uphold and protect the legal rights of the students and their families.
- No student information shall be disclosed to immigration authorities by district staff for immigration enforcement purposes without a court order or judicial subpoena.
- The District must receive consent from parents/guardians before officers seeking to enforce civil immigration laws interview or search a student unless a judicial warrant or subpoena restricts disclosure to the parent/guardian.
- Staff will provide students and parents/guardians with any documents provided by the immigration officer unless such disclosure is prohibited by a subpoena served on the District.
- If an immigration officer approaches you during school time while you are on our campus, direct them to the Principal or school personnel about the information request.

Our school community liaisons and administrative staff are available at each school site to provide further support. For additional resources, please visit the district website at eusd.net/parents-community/immigration-supports.

Our district leadership and Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students and believes that every school site should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrée Grey Superintendent Encinitas Union School District