



# THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ewing School Families,

I hope this message finds you well. At Ewing Schools, our foremost priority is to foster an environment where every student feels safe, valued, and supported. We are dedicated to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances.

The presidential administration recently issued a directive reversing the 2021 Department of Homeland Security guidance that designated schools as safe zones from immigration enforcement actions. We understand that this development may create uncertainty or concern for some members of our community, and we want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to all students and families.

## **Our Promise to Every Student**

We remain fully committed to providing a high-quality education to every child in our district. Federal law guarantees all children the right to a free public education, a principle affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982). This ruling ensures that no student is denied access to education based on their immigration status.

## **Protecting Privacy and Confidentiality**

Safeguarding the privacy of our students and families is a responsibility we take very seriously. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), student records—including information about immigration status—are strictly protected. Personal information cannot be shared without parental consent or a court order, and FERPA's federal protections supersede any state laws that might seek to mandate disclosure.

## **Following Legal Protocols**

Should Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials request to enter school property, they are required by law to present a judicial warrant. Additionally, generally no student may be interviewed by ICE without parental consent. To ensure compliance with these protocols, we are providing our teachers and staff with guidance on responding to any potential situations involving ICE. The safety and well-being of our students will always be our top priority.

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As a district, our role is to educate and support children, not to enforce immigration laws. Federal agencies are responsible for immigration matters, while our focus remains firmly on creating a secure, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students.

We are committed to standing with our families during this time of uncertainty. Our staff, teachers, and administrators work together to maintain a positive and nurturing space for every child. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school office.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we will continue to create a learning environment that uplifts and inspires every student.

Sincerely,

*David Gentile*

Dr. David Gentile  
Superintendent