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Dear Members of Our School Community,

As educators, administrators, and community leaders, our primary responsibility is to create a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Today, we want to reaffirm our commitment to all the families we serve, including those who may face unique challenges due to their immigration status.

We recognize that the current climate surrounding immigration enforcement, particularly actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, may cause concern and uncertainty for some of our families.

Our school district has taken steps to formally establish itself as a Safe Zone, a designation that underscores our dedication to protecting and supporting undocumented students and their families. This decision is rooted in the belief that every child, regardless of their background, deserves access to education without fear or discrimination.

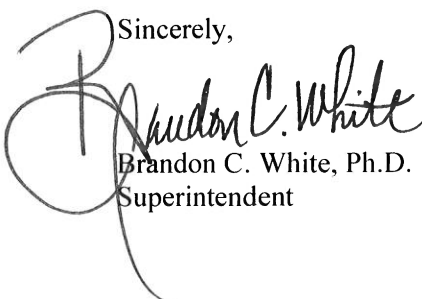
Why are we becoming a Safe Zone district?

1. **Education is a Right:** Every child in this country has the right to an education, as affirmed by the Supreme Court in *Plyler v. Doe*. No child should be denied the opportunity to learn due to their immigration status.
2. **Creating a Safe Environment:** Fear and uncertainty can be significant barriers to learning. By becoming a Safe Zone, we aim to reduce those barriers and provide a stable, welcoming environment where all students feel valued and supported.
3. **Standing Together as a Community:** Our schools are at the heart of our community. By taking this step, we are sending a clear message: we are united in our commitment to inclusion, equity, and the well-being of all families.

We recognize that these are challenging times for many families, and we want you to know that you are not alone. Our district is here to support you every step of the way. We encourage families to reach out to school counselors, administrators, or our district office with any concerns or questions.

As a community, we are stronger together. By fostering a culture of empathy, respect, and understanding, we can ensure that every child in our district has the opportunity to achieve their dreams. Thank you for your support in making our schools a place where every student feels safe and empowered.

Sincerely,


Brandon C. White, Ph.D.
Superintendent

