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FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Fort Wayne Community Schools
Resolution of the Board of School Trustees
February 27, 2017

**FWCS Shall Provide a Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment for All
Students, Regardless of Immigration Status**

WHEREAS, Fort Wayne Community Schools (“FWCS”) is committed to providing a safe and welcoming learning environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed, secure in the knowledge that the District will support their well-being regardless of immigration status, national origin, race, or religion; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the tremendous value and diversity that immigrant students and families bring to the District; and

WHEREAS, this Board approved the establishment of the Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE), which opened in July 2016, to provide critical support services through innovative solutions that address the health, wellness, and educational needs of all FWCS children, youth, and families, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that immigration-enforcement activities at our schools would significantly disrupt the learning environment and interfere with our students’ rights to be free from unreasonable search and seizure and to access a free public education under the United States and Indiana Constitutions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the extent permitted by law:

- FWCS shall provide a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students, regardless of their immigration status, that affords a learning environment free from the disruption of immigration enforcement;
- FWCS will refrain from inquiring about a student or parents’ immigration status and will continue to follow the practice of not requiring social security numbers for any enrolled or enrolling student;
- FWCS employees, contractors, volunteers and representatives will not assist immigration enforcement efforts, by collecting or providing information regarding the immigration status of any student or their family.

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