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Fresno Unified Reaffirms Support for Immigrant Students and Families While Emphasizing the Importance of Attendance

Fresno Unified stands in unwavering support of our immigrant students, families, and employees, recognizing the invaluable contributions they make to our schools and community. We want to acknowledge those who chose to participate in yesterday's "Day Without Immigrants," a national demonstration highlighting the essential role of immigrants in our society.

As a district, we honor and respect the voices of our students and families. At the same time, we know that being in school every day is critical for academic success, social-emotional development, and long-term opportunities. Attendance matters, and when students miss even one day, it impacts their learning.

Yesterday, Fresno Unified's student attendance rate was 71.3%, a staggering 18.4% decrease from the same day last year. We recognize that this drop reflects the significance of the movement and the deep ties our community has to immigration-related issues.

Our commitment remains clear: We will continue to foster an inclusive and supportive environment where ALL students feel valued, seen, and empowered. At the same time, we urge our families to prioritize daily school attendance, ensuring that our students have access to the education, resources, and opportunities that will help them thrive.

Interim Superintendent Her said, "Fresno Unified is proud to serve a diverse community, and we stand with our immigrant students, families, and staff. We recognize the deep significance of



yesterday's demonstration and respect the choices families made. At the same time, we want to remind our students that being in school every day is critical to their success. Every lesson, every connection, and every opportunity matters. Our schools are safe, welcoming places where all students belong, and we are here to support them every step of the way."

Fresno Unified is here to support every student, every day. Families who need assistance or have concerns can always reach out to their school sites or use our district resources, which are updated regularly on [our website](#). We are stronger together, and we remain committed to serving our diverse community with love, respect, and dedication.

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