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MEDIA STATEMENT

Fresno Unified Reaffirms Commitment to Safe and Welcoming Schools for All Students

Fresno Unified is committed to maintaining safe, supportive, and welcoming schools for all students, regardless of their immigration status. Our schools are places where every child belongs, and we take that responsibility seriously.

Late yesterday, we were made aware that a substitute teacher at one of our schools asked students inappropriate and unacceptable questions about their immigration status, including how long they have been in the country and about resident cards. These types of questions are not aligned with our district's values or policies, and we want to be clear—this is not acceptable in any of our classrooms.

Our Human Resources team is handling the situation to ensure that those entrusted with our students reflect our unwavering commitment to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment. With a district of over 13,000 employees, we recognize that situations like this may arise, and when they do, we take immediate action to address them.

We urge families to speak with their students about the importance of reporting any concerns to a trusted adult at school. If you see something, say something—this allows us to act swiftly in ensuring our schools remain safe and welcoming spaces for all.

Fresno Unified will continue to uphold our commitment to protecting and supporting every student and family in our community. We appreciate our families and staff for their partnership in making our schools places where all students feel valued, respected, and safe.

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