

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625

BOARD OF EDUCATION SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESOLUTION



Board File No. _____

Date _____

RESOLUTION FOR DISTRICT PRACTICES RELATING TO U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has declared that no public school district may deny any child access to a free public education on the basis of that child's immigration status; and

WHEREAS Saint Paul Public Schools embraces its responsibility to welcome and educate all students and uphold its mission to provide a premier education for all students; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Public Schools is committed to the physical safety and emotional well-being of all students within its control, and is committed to ensuring that all schools and district facilities are welcoming and safe places for students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Public Schools has adopted policies ensuring the provision of equal educational opportunities to all enrolled students, regardless of their immigration status, national origin, or language; and

WHEREAS the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) employees on Saint Paul Public Schools property for the purposes of removing students or their family members or obtaining information about students and their families disrupts this safe and welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Public Schools believes that it is in the best interests of the students, staff, families and community of Saint Paul that it take action to assure all students and families that it will oppose, by reasonable legal means available, disruptions to the educational environment that ICE actions may create.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, shall adopt procedures and practices that assure the following:

That board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall continue to assure that all students have access to the learning and other educational services available at their schools, including rigorous courses, student extracurricular activities and athletics, and support services regardless of the student's or family's immigration status.

That unless specifically required by law, board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives will not use district resources solely for the purpose of detecting or assisting in the apprehension of persons whose only violation of law is or may be being an undocumented resident in the United States, or failing to produce documents authorizing residency in the United States;

That board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall refrain from inquiring about a student's or family's immigration status;

That board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall not-- unless compelled by a valid court order, by law, or disclose to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers any information about a student's or family's immigration status;

That board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall require any ICE personnel wishing to enter any district owned or leased property to notify the Superintendent and district General Counsel in advance of such entry and to provide proper written authority to enter such property;

That board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall refrain from referring students and parents with questions about their immigration status to ICE; and

That board members affirm its unwavering commitment to all members of our community by ensuring that every student, regardless of their or their family's immigration status, has full access to the educational opportunities and support service available within our schools. Board members, district employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall continue to uphold and protect every student's right to a high-quality education, including access to rigorous coursework, extracurricular activities, athletics, and essential support services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall provide training, and additional resources if needed, for its existing crisis and emergency response teams in order to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students who may be impacted by immigration enforcement actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent shall update any policies and procedures necessary to implement and shall broadly communicate the commitments of this Resolution.

Adopted _____

CHAIR Board of Education

CLERK Board of Education