



**Robbinsdale Area Schools**

**Independent School District 281**

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# ***All Are Welcome Here: Resources and Support for Rdale Families***

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Dear Robbinsdale Area Schools families,

At Robbinsdale Area Schools (Rdale), we are steadfast in our commitment to ensuring every student and family feels safe, valued, and supported. Amid times of uncertainty and challenges facing many in our community, we want to reaffirm a simple but vital truth: **all are welcome here.**

Recent developments – increased U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions, threats to birthright citizenship, and growing attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programming – have created uncertainty and anxiety for many individuals and families in our community. These issues impact our immigrant families, Indigenous peoples, communities of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and others. **As a district, we stand united in our support for every member of our diverse community, and we remain a place of safety, belonging, and opportunity for all.**

## **Our Commitment to You**

We honor and uphold the principle of providing a safe and inclusive space for every learner. Federal law guarantees every child access to public education, regardless of their immigration status.

To protect the rights and safety of our students and families, Rdale has updated internal procedures for responding to inquiries or actions from government agencies. These procedures ensure that the needs of our community are prioritized and that our schools remain places of safety, learning, and growth.

## **Supporting Our Families**

To further support our immigrant families navigating these challenges, we want

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to share our [Resource Guide for Immigrant Families](#). This comprehensive guide provides essential resources, including:

- **Links to our policies** to help families understand their rights
- **Proactive steps** for preparing for emergencies
- **Family and community resources** to foster connection and support
- **Links to legal resources** for accessing assistance and protection

This guide is intended to provide helpful information and resources. However, please note that it does not constitute legal advice. If you need specific legal guidance, we encourage you to consult with a licensed attorney or a trusted legal resource.

We encourage you to review the guide and share it widely within our community. A printed version will also be available at our school and district offices.

## What You Can Do

To all of our families: if you or someone you know needs support, we encourage you to take advantage of the following resources:

- Speak with a trusted adult at your child's school, including psychologists, social workers, school counselors, climate and culture specialists, administrators, and others
- Use our [Let's Talk platform](#) to ask questions of district staff, including requests for support and resources

We also urge families to ensure that student emergency contact information is up-to-date in our system. Keeping this information current is critical for responding quickly and effectively in times of need. Please reach out to the office staff at your child's school, or email [registrar@rdale.org](mailto:registrar@rdale.org) with the name of your student(s) to make sure information is up to date.

## Our Shared Commitment

Creating a safe and welcoming environment requires all of us. We invite every member of our community to join us in fostering kindness, respect, and empathy in our schools. By working together, we can ensure that every family is celebrated and every student thrives.



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Robbinsdale schools will continue to advocate for all students and families. Please know that your children are at the heart of everything we do, and we will always stand with you in fostering a sense of safety, belonging, and hope.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. Together, we are stronger—working to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

Be well,

Dr. Teri Staloch  
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