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Dear DVUSD Families,

As you may be aware, last year, this presidential administration rescinded a prior, longstanding memo by the Department of Homeland Security designating schools as “sensitive areas” protected from immigration enforcement actions.

We understand that this may be concerning for some of our students and families, and we wanted to share some important information regarding this matter and the rights and protections afforded to students when on school grounds.

It is important to note that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of student education records and restricts the sharing of personally identifiable information without parental consent. Our schools do not collect or document any information as to the immigration status of any of our students or their families, and thus would not have that information to provide if it were sought.

Schools are not allowed to share student records or information, such as a student’s address, phone number, or email address, with immigration or law enforcement agencies without either specific parental/guardian consent or a judicial order.

We also want to share that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials must have a judicial warrant to enter school property. If a warrant is presented, parental consent is required before ICE officials can interview any student.

As always, the safety and well-being of our students is our number one priority.

During this time of uncertainty, we want our families to know that we are here for you. If you need any support, please reach out to your child’s school office. Our school administrators and counselors can provide direct support and/or connect you with resources available in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important communication.

Sincerely,

Tony Galietti
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