ANNUAL PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTICE
Response to Immigration Enforcement

In accordance with Education Code 234.7 and 48980

Our Commitment to Safety for All Families

Your child's education and safety are our top priorities.

Every child has the right to attend school in an environment that is safe, supportive, and free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, or intimidation.

Core Principles

- All children in the United States have the right to a public education, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.
- Schools are generally considered sensitive locations; officers must present valid judicial authorization to access nonpublic areas.
- To maintain safe and inclusive learning environments, MPESD educators and staff are prepared, receive training, and act in accordance with MPESD policies and California Department of Education (CDE) guidance.

Know Your Rights & Responsibilities

- You do NOT need to share your immigration or citizenship status with the school.
- Preparation is key to protecting your family. We encourage all families to complete a Family Preparedness Care Package.
    - It is important to update your child's emergency contacts with the school.
    - Notify the school if your child has a designated emergency caregiver.
    - Keep school contact information, teacher name/email, doctor contacts, and emergency numbers with your family plan.
- You have the right to remain silent and the right to speak with an attorney if approached by immigration enforcement.
- You may create a Family Emergency Plan and designate a temporary caregiver for your child if needed.
- Keep important documents (birth certificates, passports, medical records) in a safe, accessible location.

What You Should Know

- Schools do NOT share immigration status information, as we do not ask our families for it.
- Our staff is trained to follow strict safety protocols to keep students calm and protected.

We are here for you.

If you have questions or need support, please contact your school or the District.

mpesd.org **District Office**: (408) 223-3700

Below is essential information about what happens if immigration enforcement officers are near or at the school, and how we support and protect your family.

If Immigration Officers Come To Campus:

- If an immigration enforcement officer requests information or access:
  - Staff will request identification and documentation authorizing the request.
  - Staff will consult with the Superintendent or legal counsel before responding.
  - Access will be denied unless a valid judicial warrant or court order is presented or another legal requirement applies.
- Parents/guardians will be notified of requests concerning their student unless legally prohibited.
- Staff will protect student privacy and will NOT share student information without parent permission or a court order.
- Students continue learning safely indoors.

If Immigration Agents are in Front of or Near the School:

- We activate Shelter-in-Place procedures to protect the safety and emotional well-being of students and staff. All exterior doors and gates will remain secured. Students stay indoors, and instruction continues until the "all clear" is given by the District office.
- Families are notified using approved communication channels (text, phone, email, and website updates).

If a Parent/Guardian Is Detained or Deported:

- Parents/guardians are encouraged to keep emergency contact information up to date and to identify individuals authorized to care for their child in an emergency.

  If a parent/guardian is detained or deported, the student will be released to the person(s) listed on the emergency contact card or to an individual presenting a valid caregiver's authorization affidavit. Child Protective Services will only be contacted if timely care cannot be arranged.

If You Cannot Pick Up Your Child:

- Please contact the school or the District to arrange a reunification plan.

Resources for Families

Local immigration and legal support resources

- Rapid Response Network: A hotline (408-290-1144) to call for immediate support if ICE comes to your home, workplace, or neighborhood, or to report possible ICE activity anywhere in Santa Clara County.
- Immigration Resources from Santa Clara County
- Free to Low Cost Immigration Legal Services in Santa Clara County
- Immigration Legal Resource Center (ILRC): The ILRC offers a free document to help families create an emergency preparedness plan. This plan helps identify parents' wishes in the event they are unavailable to care for their child. They can designate a temporary caregiver, children's information, and optional international travel. You can contact the ILRC with any questions.
- PACT: People Acting in Community Together: Call (408) 998-8001, rubyramirez@pactsj.org. PACT San Jose is a multi-faith, grassroots organization founded in 1985 to promote a just society through community empowerment. Learn more about the resources and support they offer to the local community.
- SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network): Call to schedule an appointment by phone or Zoom at (408) 453-3003. SIREN provides free legal consultations on Thursdays for general immigration questions and Free Removal Defense consultations on Fridays for low-income immigrants and refugees.