



DISTRICT VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

To: Commissioner of Education, New York State Education Department
From: Office of the Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Verification of Implementation of Student Protection Procedures

SUPERINTENDENT CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify and verify to the Commissioner of Education that the Ardsley School District has fully developed, adopted, and implemented local operational procedures that strictly comply with the requirements of the New York State Education Department's model procedures and the applicable provisions of State law regarding school interactions with immigration authorities.

As required by statute, our district's implemented procedures explicitly include, but are not limited to, the following core components:

1. **Designated Review Authority:** The district has designated a specific individual-the Superintendent of Schools who is solely responsible for reviewing and authorizing or denying any request from immigration authorities to enter school property or to take custody of a student. In the absence of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will assume the sole authority for reviewing and authorizing or denying any request from immigration authorities to enter school property or to take custody of a student.
2. **Access & Custody Protocols:** Established strict protocols requiring a valid judicial warrant or court order issued by a competent federal or state court prior to granting access or transferring custody of any student to an immigration authority, explicitly clarifying that administrative or civil immigration documents are legally insufficient.
3. **Parental and Community Notification:** Implemented a distribution process to formally notify parents, guardians, and persons in a parental relationship regarding the statutory rights, privacy protections, and safety safeguards afforded to students and families under this section.
4. **Emergency Placement & Pickup Safeguards:** Enacted mandatory operational guidelines to protect students whose parents or guardians are detained or rendered unavailable due to an immigration enforcement action. These guidelines strictly prohibit contact with the Statewide Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) unless the school has first exhausted all reasonable efforts to contact all alternative authorized emergency contacts, and mandate that the student be safely retained on school premises until retrieved by an authorized individual.

Executed this 21st day of September, 2026.

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