San José Unified School District

SAN JOSÉ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2027-08-20-03

REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

WHEREAS the City of San José and the San José Unified School District are strengthened by the racial, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and immigration diversity of their students, families, employees, and community;

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court held in Plyler v. Doe (1982) 457 U.S. 202 that a state may not deny students access to a free public education based on their immigration status;

WHEREAS California law protects every student's right to attend public school regardless of the student's citizenship or immigration status, or that of the student's parents or guardians, and protects students from unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying;

WHEREAS fear of immigration enforcement, family separation, or disclosure of immigration-related information can create significant barriers to student attendance, learning, well-being, and family engagement;

WHEREAS strong partnerships between families and schools are essential to student success, and students and families should be able to attend school, seek assistance, communicate with educators, and participate in school activities without fear that doing so will unnecessarily expose immigration-related information;

WHEREAS Education Code section 234.7 establishes protections regarding the collection and disclosure of immigration-related information and immigration enforcement access to nonpublic areas of school sites, and California law requires local educational agencies to maintain policies consistent with these protections and the California Attorney General's guidance and model policies regarding immigration enforcement at schools;

WHEREAS California law requires comprehensive school safety plans to include procedures for notifying the school community when immigration enforcement is confirmed on a school site; and

WHEREAS the San José Unified School District welcomes and supports all students and families, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, and seeks to ensure that every student can attend school, learn, and participate fully in District programs in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every student, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, is welcomed, supported, and able to fully participate in a free public education in a safe and inclusive learning environment. The District will support students and families experiencing fear, disruption, or other impacts related to immigration enforcement and will work to reduce barriers these circumstances may create to attendance, learning, belonging, and participation in school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will protect the privacy and dignity of students and families, safeguard information regarding students and their families consistent with state and federal law, and protect students' access to school, learning, and District programs and services. The District will respond to immigration enforcement activity consistent with California law and District procedures, with the safety, privacy, dignity, and well-being of students and families as guiding priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will maintain clear procedures and provide employees with the training and guidance necessary to respond appropriately to immigration enforcement activity

and support students and families. The District will also provide students and families with accessible, accurate, and current information about their educational rights and available resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will encourage families to maintain current emergency contact information and identify trusted adults who may be authorized to support or care for their children if a parent or guardian becomes unavailable. The District will ensure students and families have access to trained staff and will continue to strengthen partnerships with local government agencies, legal and community-based organizations, and other trusted partners to connect families with accurate information, resources, and support.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board affirms that all students and families are valued members of the San José Unified community and that the District will continue to foster schools where every student and family feels safe, welcomed, respected, and supported.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San José Unified School District, San José, California on this 20th day of August 2026.

AYES: ABSTENTIONS:

NOES: ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Nancy Albarrán	José Magaña
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