



A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
COMMITMENT TO SAFE SCHOOLS, HONORING THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND DIGNITY
OF ALL PEOPLE RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 25-12

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Valley Unified School District wholeheartedly embraces its commitment to providing safe, stable, nurturing, and welcoming environments for all students and staff; and

WHEREAS, In *Phyller v. Doe* (1982) the United States Supreme court held that all immigrant children are people “in any ordinary sense of the term” and hence protected from discrimination under the 14th Amendment, and that all children, regardless of their immigration status, have the right to a free public education; and

WHEREAS, The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28(f)(1) states, “All students and staff of public primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high schools, and community colleges, and universities have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure, and peaceful;” and

WHEREAS, changes at the federal level to executive and congressional leadership may cause fear, concern, confusion, sadness, anger, or anxiety in district staff, students and their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Governing Board of Sonoma Valley Unified School District passed the resolution, “A Resolution in Recognition of a Commitment to Safe Schools, Honoring the Civil Rights and Dignity of All People” (Res 17-14), and this resolution declared the Board of Trustees commitment that every SVUSD site or material property shall be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families, to better enable those students to receive a quality education;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District reaffirms the policy established under Resolution No. 17-14;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sonoma Valley Unified School District will work alongside educational and community partners to support students, staff, and families experiencing fear and uncertainty by:

- Providing resources, training, and support on topics including immigrant rights, relevant federal, state, and local policy, relevant district protocols; and promoting the health and

- well-being of impacted students, staff, and families; and
- Not assisting the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law, and not permitting access to district facilities, personnel, or student database information except in instances in which the district is provided with a warrant; and
 - Welcoming all students, staff and their families regardless of characteristics including legal immigration status, gender identity or sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, or other protected class.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the governing body of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District on this 16th day of January 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

BOARD PRESIDENT