

All Students Accessing a Quality Education – Safe and Welcoming Schools

Liberty Union High School District
20 Oak Street
Brentwood, California

Resolution 2017-07

Whereas, the Liberty Union High School District Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, social economic status or ideological beliefs;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees embraces the diversity of our students and families and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our district and strongly supports and encourages the participation of all parents and families in our schools;

Whereas, all students have a right to attend school regardless of their immigration status. The United States Supreme Court in 1982 ruled in Plyler v. Doe that public schools were prohibited from denying students access to elementary and secondary public education based on their immigration status, citing that children have little control over their immigration status, the lifelong harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and constitutional equal protection rights;

Whereas, State and Federal laws prohibit educational agencies from disclosing personally identifiable student information to law enforcement without the consent of a parent or guardian, a court order or lawful subpoena or in the case of a health emergency;

Whereas, reports of potential raids by the U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE) have caused immigrant communities to experience increased levels of fear, the presence of ICE in and around schools would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students and families;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board declares in unequivocal commitment that every school district site shall be a safe and welcoming place for all students to be able to receive a quality education;

Be It Further Resolved, the Board reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness and kindness of all students, families and staff at all district school sites, facilities and material property;

Be It Further Resolved, the Board via the Superintendent shall not allow ICE agents on school district sites, facilities or material property without receiving prior written approval from the Superintendent;

Be It Further Resolved, the Superintendent shall direct schools in restricting the sharing of student files that may be used to ascertain the legal/immigration status of students;

Be It Further Resolved, the Superintendent shall ensure that there are unifying activities occurring within the District to support diversity, inclusion, tolerance and acceptance over hate speech.

Be It Further Resolved, the Superintendent shall ensure that there are adequate trainings and/or support available for staff that desires more training and/or support in dealing with students who feel unsafe on a campus or is facing possible deportation.

Lastly, this resolution shall be posted on the district and school websites to fully inform our families of their rights and the information that they can access in the school district.

Passed and Adopted on February 22, 2017 at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Pauline Allred, President
LUHSD, Board of Trustees

Eric Volta, Superintendent
LUHSD