

Resolution
Success For All Means Safety For All:
Balsz Elementary School District Campuses as Safe Zones
and Resource Centers for Students and Families

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court held in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing that children have little to no control over their immigration status, the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and equal protection rights of the 14th Amendment;

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) of the Department of Homeland Security activities in and around schools, early education centers, and adult school facilities and/or fear and anxiety around such potential activities would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students; and

WHEREAS, ICE's 2011 policy states that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials or unless exigent circumstances exist; and

WHEREAS, Balsz Elementary School District No. 31 (Balsz) prides itself on being a beacon of diversity, understanding, and acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The Board declares that every Balsz school site is a safe place where students and their families can seek help, assistance, and information, if faced with fear and anxiety about related immigration enforcement and/or "registration" efforts, or any other efforts to curtail or deny civil or human rights, and that we will protect our students' Free Speech and promote civic engagement across every grade level and learning context;
2. The Superintendent shall establish all schools as resource and information sites for students and their families, and the Board encourages the Superintendent to increase and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations and legal services organizations who provide resources for families facing deportation and/or registration and/or other civil rights restrictions;
3. In order to provide a public education, regardless of a child or family's immigration status, the District shall abide by the following conduct:
 - a. District personnel shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including, but not limited to, educational instruction, the free and reduced lunch program, and transportation;
 - b. District personnel shall be reminded not to inquire about a student's immigration status, religion, disability, or sexual orientation, including that of family members;
 - c. Any request related to immigration status, or by anyone tasked with registering or profiling people of a particular religion, race or ethnicity for information or to

access a school site shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent (or in his absence, the Assistant Superintendent) for review and a decision on whether to allow access to the site, and/or the information to ensure District compliance with Plyler and other applicable laws;

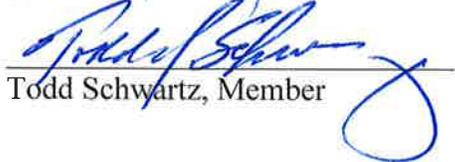
- d. The Superintendent shall ensure all teachers, school administrators, and other staff will be trained on how to implement these directives, and notification will be distributed to families to fully inform them of their rights in the District;

By this Resolution, the Governing Board affirms its commitment to a safe, welcoming and inclusive school for every student without regard to their race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability.

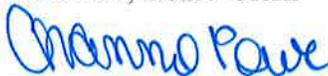
Signed this 5th day of September, 2017.


Derrence (D.B.) White, President


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