

RESOLUTION: CHRISTINA BOARD OF EDUCATION DECLARING ITS COMMITMENT TO A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Plyler v. Doe (S.Ct. 1982) held it unconstitutional to deny a free public education to children who are not legally admitted into the United States; and

WHEREAS, Christina schools ("District") policy, state and federal law provide that a child's enrollment in public school may not be conditioned on the child's immigration status; and

WHEREAS, public schools may not inquire regarding the immigration status of a student or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) as part of the admissions process; and

WHEREAS, the District works to foster welcoming and safe school environments for all students, including those who may be undocumented or have undocumented family members; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the potential for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials, and any other federal, state or local law officials acting to enforce immigration laws, to conduct increased enforcement efforts to detain undocumented individuals, and that such efforts may result in ICE officials seeking to enter upon school grounds for purposes of enforcement; and

WHEREAS, an ICE policy issued in 2011 states that the agency will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials; unless exigent circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the CHRISTINA BOARD OF EDUCATION as follows:

- 1. The CSD Board of Education believes that removal of a student from school by ICE agents is disruptive to the educational process and is not in the best interest of any and all students. Also, that ICE activities in and around schools, early childhood centers, and other CSD facilities would risk disruption to the learning environment.**
- 2. The CSD Board of Education believes that ICE officials should continue to implement the ICE policy to not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials.**

3. The CSD Board of Education believes that all district staff should treat all students in an equitable manner without regard for race, ethnicity, immigration status, or national origin.
4. The CSD Board of Education believes that all district staff should not inquire about a student's immigration status, or the immigration status of the student's parent(s), guardian(s) or family members.
5. The CSD Board of Education believes that all district employees have the academic freedom to discuss this resolution during class time provided it is age appropriate; and students are to be made aware that counselors are available to discuss the subjects contained in this resolution.
6. Upon adoption, the district shall disseminate this resolution to all employees of the district. Also, using the appropriate forums, every employee of the CSD should be briefed on the contents of this resolution in a face-to-face meeting.

RESOLVED this ²¹~~14~~th day of March, 2017. 

ATTEST: Christina Board of Education by affirmative vote



Board President