

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PROCLAMATION

SAFE AND WELCOMING SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has always embraced the diversity of our students and their families and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our District;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and District and school staffs have always worked to ensure that all students and parents feel safe and welcome in our schools;

WHEREAS, the students and parents of Orange Unified School District speak over 50 different languages representing even more numerous nations of origin and immigration patterns and statuses;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled that no public school shall deny access to education on the basis of immigration status;

WHEREAS, state and federal laws prohibit immigration enforcement activity at schools or the disclosure to immigration officials of any identifiable student information by a school or district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education declares that every District site continues to remain a safe place for all students and their families, regardless of nation of origin or immigration status;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that in order to provide a quality public education to all students, regardless of a child's or family's immigration status, the District shall:

1. Remain safe and welcoming places for students and families
2. Treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services
3. Refer any families seeking assistance with questions related to their immigration status to community based or legal organizations that provide resources for immigrant families

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education instructs District staff to distribute copies of this Proclamation, translated into all appropriate languages , to all school sites , and ensure that the District 's DELAC - District English Learner Advisory Committee , ELACs - English Learners Advisory Committees, local governance office, and community organizations are consulted and involved in ensuring that all students and parents, regardless of immigration status or nation of origin, remain safe and welcomed in the Orange Unified School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Orange Unified School District proclaims its ongoing commitment to safe and welcoming schools on this 18th day of January, 2018.



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