

Resolution of the Board of Education's Commitment to the Education of All Children and Making All Campuses a Safe Zone for Students and Families

WHEREAS the San Bernardino City Unified School Board of Education is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status, or beliefs; and

WHEREAS education has played a critical role in furthering acceptance and strengthening our society as well as treating all people with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS over 30 different languages are spoken in San Bernardino City Unified School District schools including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Filipino, Arabic, Samoan and others; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education 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; and

WHEREAS approximately 74.9% of students in San Bernardino City Unified are of Latino/a descent, 12% African American, 6.3% White, 1.5% Asian, .4% American Indian or Alaska Native, .4% Pacific Islander, .4% Filipino and others, as well as the 85.8% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch; and

WHEREAS the national presidential election has resulted in students and families in San Bernardino expressing fear, sadness and concerns for student safety, heightened because of intolerant rhetoric made over the course of the 2016 presidential race.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares that every District site is a safe place for all students and their families and encourages the Superintendent to increase and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations and legal services organizations who provide resources for families facing deportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares that every District site continue to implement, with fidelity, District reforms such as school discipline, to reduce and eliminate racial bias and criminalization of youth in schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares that every District site is a safe place for all students including those of diverse ethnic and religious traditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district shall provide a public education, regardless of a child's or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, local law or regulation or local law or regulation or local ordinance or court decision.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education instructs the Superintendent to distribute and make available copies of this Resolution, translated into all appropriate languages, Via website, to all school sites, staff and facilities, and ensure that the District's AAPAC – African-American Parent Advisory Committee, DAC – District Advisory Committee, DAAAC – District African-American Advisory Committee, DELAC – District English Learner Advisory

Committee, ELACs – English Learners Advisory Committees, PTA – Parent Teacher Association and PTO – Parent Teacher Organization and all other parent organizations, the Mayor’s Office, and community based organizations.