

Turlock Unified School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 32/2016-17

Recognition of a Safe Educational Environment for *All* Students

WHEREAS, the Turlock Unified School District Board, according to our District Mission Statement, Beliefs, and Strategies, advocates for *a safe and caring student-centered environment in partnership with our families and diverse community* that emphasizes *the family experience* and *a positive school climate for all students, staff, and families*.

WHEREAS, the Turlock Unified School District Board of Trustees is committed to the success and safety of *all* students and Board Policy 5145.3 was adopted to provide a safe school environment that allows *all* students equal access and opportunities in the District's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any District school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

WHEREAS, education has played a critical role in furthering diversity, tolerance, and strengthening our society; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America recognizes every individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Plyer v. Doe* 457 U.S. 202 (1982) has affirmed the right of all children to a free and appropriate public education regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code Sections 220, 234, et seq. assert the right of all students to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Turlock Unified School District does not solicit, collect, or maintain information regarding student immigration status as per Education Code Section 48204.1 which only requires proof of physical residency and not of legal immigration status, place of birth, or social security number for enrollment; and

AND WHEREAS, the Turlock Unified School District Board of Trustees is committed to cooperating with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to provide access to students in cases where student or community safety is immediately threatened due to criminal activity and does not include access to student or student records related to immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Turlock Unified School District Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to support a safe and secure learning environment for all students through the following actions:

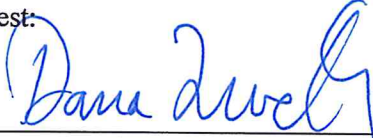
1. Prohibit the release of student records without proper legal authority;
2. Direct staff to immediately notify the Superintendent or designee in the event that law enforcement seeks the release of student records and to allow time for the evaluation of such requests prior to the release of information;
3. Direct staff to prevent Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from entering school sites unless they have received permission from the Superintendent and have provided a proper warrant, subpoena, or court order;
4. Require staff to continue to treat all students equitably related to the provisions of all educational services and programs without regard to a student's national origin or immigration status as required by law;
5. Allocate adequate resources to support diversity, inclusion, and the values of a multi-cultural society, including counseling to any student who is experiencing anxiety or concern due to national and local conversations regarding immigration; and
6. Communicate this resolution and its essential points to staff and parents, translated in various languages, in a manner that the Superintendent believes to be most appropriate and relevant.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Turlock Board of Trustees declares the District's commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for *all* students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of June, 2017, at a regular board meeting, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u> 6 </u>	(Gordon, Weaver, Carlson, Malech, Silva, Lima)
NOES:	<u> 0 </u>	
ABSENT:	<u> 0 </u>	
ABSTAIN:	<u> 0 </u>	
		1 Board Member Vacancy

Attest:



Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the
Turlock Unified School District



President of the Board of Trustees of the
Turlock Unified School District