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| Board Agenda Item # | Item II B |
| Date: | March 9, 2017 |
| To: | Magnolia Board of Directors |
| From: | Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent |
| Staff Lead: | Alfredo Rubalcava, Chief External Officer |
| RE: | MPS Safe Zones Resolution |

Proposed Board Recommendation

I move that the board approve the Safe Zones Resolution for the safety of our students and families.

Background

With the current immigration climate, we want to ensure that our families and students feel safe at all of our MPS campuses by becoming a safe school. This resolution will allow for us, as an organization, to protect student records in the event that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requests access to such records.

It is important that we continue to provide a high-quality educational program in a safe environment where everyone is welcome no matter their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, disability, or beliefs.

Budget Implications

No budget implications at this time.

CFO Approval

No approval needed at this time.

How Does This Action Relate/Affect/Benefit All MSAs?

This resolution and action that follow will benefit all students, parents, and staff at MPS by offering services as needed.

Name of Staff Originator:

Alfredo Rubalcava, Chief External Officer

Attachments

MPS Safe Schools Board Resolution

Magnolia Public Schools
Board of Directors

Resolution: 20170309-1

MPS CAMPUSES ARE SAFE ZONES FOR IMMIGRANT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Whereas, Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) provides a college preparatory educational program emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in a safe environment that cultivates respect for self and others regardless of, but not limited to, their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, disability, or beliefs;

Whereas, MPS students reside in some of the most underserved area of Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego including the communities of Reseda, Van Nuys, Carson, Northridge, Bell, Palms, Venice, and Santa Ana – a region that is home to a large immigrant population;

Whereas, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) certifies to not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location including schools. Such conduct would require prior approval by specific federal law enforcement officials unless exigent circumstances exist. State and federal laws prohibit educational agencies from disclosing personally identifiable student information to law enforcement, without the consent of a parent or a guardian, a court order or lawful subpoena, or in the case of a health emergency;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the Magnolia Public Schools Board of Directors directs the Chief Executive Officer to designate all MPS campuses as safe zones. This designation shall mean that:

- MPS campuses will offer counseling and referrals to agencies that offer assistance on immigration matters to all student and their families who need support and resources;
- All if any, ICE requests of student records or access to any MPS campus must be submitted in writing to the MPS CEO and/or designee for review and response in consultation with legal counsel.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on March 9, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Umit Yapanel, Secretary
MPS Board of Directors

Date