

**Southern Humboldt Unified School District  
Board of Trustees**

**Resolution No. 07-1617**

**Recognition of a Safe Haven School District**

**Whereas,** The Southern Humboldt Unified School Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, and socio-economic status or beliefs.

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

**Whereas,** The United States of America was built by diverse peoples, both native and immigrant alike;

**Whereas,** Education has played a critical role in furthering tolerance and strengthening our society;

**Whereas,** on November 8, 2016, voters in California and across the nation participated in the democratic process by casting votes;

**Whereas,** California voters during the 2016 General Election expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58, strengthening funding sources through Proposition 55, and modernizing school facilities through Proposition 51, and;

**Whereas,** 104 of our 800 students in the Southern Unified School District are of a Latino Descent, 178 are students of color, and more than forty-five percent of students qualify for free and reduced lunch;

**Whereas,** the Cultural Climate after the 2016 General Election as heightened awareness of the concerns of student safety when exposed to hate speech based on ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation since the election; now and therefore, be it,

**Resolved,** That the Southern Humboldt Unified School Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to support the creation of a safe haven school district. This status shall include:

- Promoting tolerance and acceptance over hate speech;
- Maintaining that, in compliance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 2011 policy stating that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes all district facilities and equipment, without permission by specific federal law enforcement officials; unless exigent

circumstances exist; ICE shall not be allowed to enter school sites or district properties without written approval from the Superintendent.

- Restricting the sharing of student files that may be used to ascertain the legal status of students;
- Designating SHUSD school sites, facilities, and equipment as safe havens for students, families, and the community;
- Allocating adequate resources necessary to support diversity, inclusion, and the values of a multicultural society;
- Hosting a day of understanding across the District;
- Offering focused professional development opportunities for all levels of staff;
- Endorsing a set of unifying activities determined by the school site;
- Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with stakeholder groups, to fulfill the requirements outlined within this resolution and report back to the Board at the first Board meeting in March.

**Resolved further,** That the Southern Humboldt Unified School District Board of Trustees work closely with the County and other state and local municipalities and community organizations to ensure out students and families are offered a protected space;

**Resolved further,** That the Board reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness and kindness of all students, families and staff at all district school sites, facilities, and material property;

**Resolved further,** That the Board reaffirm the authority of the Superintendent to protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law; and be it finally

**Resolved further,** That the Board shall not allow ICE agents on school sites, facilities or material property without receiving prior written approval from the Superintendent;

**Resolved further,** That the Board reaffirms the Southern Humboldt Unified School District's unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for all students, serving as a safe haven school district for students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination, to the fullest extent provided by the law.