

Resolution No. 05/17-18
San Mateo – Foster City School District
San Mateo County, California

Setting Forth the San Mateo – Foster City School District Board of Education’s
Support for Undocumented Students and Their Families

Whereas, the San Mateo - Foster City School District Board of Education is committed to fostering an environment in which all students are able to learn and excel, regardless of their place of birth or their parents’ national origin; and

Whereas, education is essential to all individuals' ability to advance and thrive in our society and the United States Supreme Court has held, in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), that local school districts have a constitutional mandate to educate all students residing within their jurisdictional boundaries, whatever the students' immigration status; and

Whereas, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) provides protection from deportation for eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children and provides them with the opportunity to continue their education and to obtain a work permit; and

Whereas, DACA has provided youth and young adults within the boundaries of the San Mateo – Foster City School District with the opportunity to pursue a college education and to be gainfully employed; and

Whereas, President Trump’s recent decision to rescind DACA has generated great fear and concern among many San Mateo – Foster City School District students and their families as well as members of the District staff and community; and

Whereas, fear and the related stress about the future of the DACA program and its impact on immigration enforcement and policy can have a significant negative impact on student attendance and performance in school; and

Whereas, the San Mateo – Foster City School District Board of Education is committed to supporting all students and families, regardless of their immigration status,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo – Foster City School District Board of Education will continue to support children, youth, young adults and their families who may be impacted by President Trump’s decision to rescind DACA.

Be It Further Resolved that the San Mateo – Foster City School District restates its policies concerning the provision of information about District students, including:

The San Mateo – Foster City School District will not collect information regarding student and family immigration status when enrolling students in District programs; and

The San Mateo – Foster City School District will not release information regarding immigration status or related matters contained in a student’s records to federal agencies or other authorities enforcing immigration laws without the permission of the student's parent or guardian or pursuant to a judicial warrant, subpoena, court order, or as otherwise required by law.

Be It Further Resolved that the San Mateo – Foster City School District Board of Education will work closely with other local government agencies and community groups to ensure that all students and families, including those who are undocumented, are able to receive a public education in a safe and supportive environment.

Be It Further Resolved that the San Mateo – Foster City School District Board of Education urges the United States Congress to adopt legislation that extends the DACA program and provides students with a pathway to citizenship, thus enabling them to continue to participate fully in life in the United States, a country that prides itself on its immigrant heritage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2017.

**SAN MATEO – FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Secretary of the Board