



Resolution No. 2016/17 - #10

School District Safe Zone

**WHEREAS** students and parents have expressed fear, anxiety, and confusion regarding the ability of the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enter property of Coast Unified School District for the purpose of determining legal status of students and their families; and

**WHEREAS** an environment of fear, anxiety, and confusion is not conducive to student achievement, student emotional well-being, the desire for families to participate in school activities and best support their children, and the belief that district staff and administration will provide a safe environment for students and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, under the equal protection rights of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, no public school district may deny children access to education based on their immigration status; and

**WHEREAS** a mission of the Board of Education of Coast Unified School District is to ensure that each student be provided with the opportunity and support to meet his or her potential; and

**WHEREAS** the Board believes that the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children is provided by ensuring that our schools and offices are safe and inviting for all students and their families; and

**WHEREAS** operations and activities by any federal agency around schools and school district offices, would be disruptive to the learning environment and educational settings for students; and

**WHEREAS** the Board believes that our students' ability to achieve and thrive is negatively impacted by the fear of removal and actual removal of their family members during raids conducted by any federal agency that would leave students without supervising adults to care for them; and

**WHEREAS** there is no written state or federal law that mandates that local districts assist any federal agency in the enforcement of immigration laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Coast Unified School District declares that every school district site is a safe place for its students and their families to seek help, assistance, information, and safety if faced with fear and anxiety about related immigration enforcement efforts.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent shall establish all K-12 and district offices as resource and information sites for students and their families, and that the Board of Education encourages the Superintendent to increase and enhance partnerships with organizations and services that provide resources for families facing deportation and that a network be created to assist children whose family members have been detained.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in order to provide a public education, regardless of a child or family's immigration status, and absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, the District shall not inquire about a student's immigration status, including that of family members.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent shall include this resolution in the annual notification to employees.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of Coast Unified School District shall request that any documents or access to district school sites by an immigration enforcement officer or any other federal officer would be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office for review to ensure the safety of all students, as well as compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of February 2017, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: 4

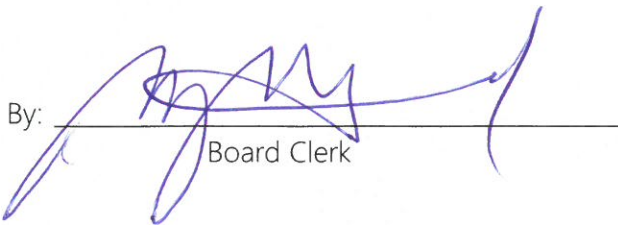
NOES: 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: 1

COAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:   
Board President

ATTEST:

By:   
Board Clerk